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PREFACE.

In the history of individual families may be traced the progress of the national wealth. Nor are those families whose names appear in Domesday Book to be specially regarded as the bulwarks of the Commonwealth. Many of the baronial families associated with our early history have no actual representatives, further than in their titles or appellatives; while those who, through the artificial system of entail, have contrived to retain their family possessions, have often failed to evince the noble qualities of their ancestors. The departure without succession of those nobles and barons who during the struggle for Independence in Scotland yielded to the Usurper, or who at the epoch of the Reformation snatched the lands of the Church without offering an equivalent, is a cause of satisfaction rather than of regret.

These pages present the genealogical annals of Four Scottish Families, whose claim to consideration rests chiefly on their industry, while the distinction achieved by individual members has been due solely to their energies. All the families are connected by intermarriage.

In producing his work the writer has sought by a congenial pursuit to occupy his hours of leisure. And what he has in this manner accomplished may stimulate others to rescue their kinsmen from oblivion, and to do special honour to the more deserving.

There has been abundant research and no inconsiderable correspondence. The former has not been irksome, the latter most profitable; for the renewal of early friendship, and the discovery that so many persons are willing to aid in one's literary inquiries, are sources of comfort and stimulants to exertion. To offer thanks to all who have supplied information is impracticable, and, if practicable, would be tedious. But one contributor must be named —General Elliot Playfair of St. Andrews, who in a lithographed "genealogical tree" has exhibited the several branches of his family in a manner which has been found largely helpful.

In conducting his inquiries the writer has not lacked diligence; and if, after exhausting every effort to procure correct details, he has nevertheless stumbled, he trusts that he may experience, even from the most exacting, some measure of forbearance.

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FAMILY OF ROGER.

SEVERAL centuries before the adoption of surnames the name of Roger was common in Europe. Of the companions of William the Conqueror twenty-seven bore the name. Quoting from the Cottonian MS. (Domit. vii.), Mr. Joseph Stevenson, in his "Illustrations,"[1] names one Roger, whom he supposes to have been Culdee sub-prior of St. Andrews in 1127. This sub-prior might have founded a family legitimately; for previous to 1139, though the clergy were recommended to celibacy, marriage, when it did take place, was not deemed unlawful.[2]

On the 17th April 1256, "Roger the clerk" witnesses a quitclaim by Sir Alan Durward respecting the boundaries of the lands of Kingoldrum, in the county of Angus.[3] When, in the reign of Alexander III., Gilbert de Umfraville became second husband of Matildis, Countess of Angus, and with

[1] Illustrations of Scottish History, printed for the Maitland Club, 1834, 4to, p. 11.

[2] Skene's Celtic Scotland, ii. 339.

[3] Register de Aberbrothock, vol. i. p. 228.

her obtained large possessions, he engaged "Roger the clerk" to act as his chaplain and the clerk of his household. In this capacity he witnesses two charters. In the former, Gilbert de Umfraville, Earl of Angus, grants to Duncan, the King's dempster in Angus, a charter of the lands of Pitmulin, for making suit at the court of the granter, and rendering yearly a pound of pepper or twelve pennies at Stratdectin,[1] on the annual fair at Dundee. In the latter charter, Gilbert, Earl of Angus, grants on the 18th October 1271, at Ballendaloch, Stirlingshire, to Alexander of Alredas, the lands of Inverquharity, near Kirriemuir. Both charters bear to be witnessed by "Roger, my chaplain;" the latter is also attested by Roger, "called Pater Noster."[2] This Roger had doubtless read prayers as chaplain's assistant, while Roger the clerk had exercised the higher office.

Gilbert de Umfraville, Earl of Angus, was descended from Sir Robert de Umfraville, a kinsman and one of the chief associates of William the Conqueror. His more immediate ancestor, Gilbert de Umfraville, received from David I. a grant of the lands of Dunipace, in the county of Stirling. Richard, the grandson of Gilbert, gave, as an English baron, his vigorous adherence to the Commons in their struggles with King John. He was one of those who, on the 15th July 1215, procured at Runnymede the

[1] Stratdectin, now Strathdichty, in the parish of Monifieth, was an ancient seat of the Earls of Angus. It stood on a crag above the river Dichty, nearly opposite the Mill of Balmossie. The remains of the chapel, long ruinous, were removed upwards of a century ago.

[2] The Douglas Book. By William Fraser, C.B., LL.D., 4 vols. 4to, vol. iii. pp. 4, 353, 354.

great charter of English liberty.[1] Grandson of the baron who contended at Runnymede, Gilbert de Umfraville, husband of the Countess of Angus, is believed to have been the adviser of Alexander III. in his youthful resistance to the efforts persistently put forth by Henry III. of England to induce him to surrender the independence of his sceptre. The son of Gilbert de Umfraville by the Countess of Angus succeeded his father in the councils of Alexander III. As hereditary governor of the castles of Dundee and Forfar, he refused to surrender them into the keeping of Edward I., subsequent to the death of the Princess Margaret, till he received the sanction of the national guardians. That sanction being allowed, he surrendered the castles to Edward on the 12th June 1291.[2]

When Edward, in his character of arbitrator among the competitors for the Scottish throne, obtained a surrender of the strongholds, he planted each with an English garrison. And not improbably the Earl of Angus, on surrendering his castles, would retire from the district. At Dunipace he possessed a family seat. There one of his predecessors, Gilbert de Umfraville, reared a private chapel. It was on the 13th May 1195 confirmed by Pope Celestine III. to the monks of Cambuskenneth.[3] There were subsequent proceedings, for the founder, in granting the tithes of the endowment to the Abbey of Cambuskenneth, had not

[1] Dugdale's Baronage, Lond. 1675, vol. i. pp. 504-508; Register of the Monastery of Cambuskenneth, pp. 44, 108, 112.

[2] Hailes' Annals, edition 1797, vol. i. p. 227; Fœdera, vol. ii. p. 531.

[3] Register of the Monastery of Cambuskenneth, pp. 42, 46.

contemplated that his private chapel would be subjected to ecclesiastical supervision. Accordingly Gilbert, husband of the Countess of Angus, made an appeal to the Ordinary of the diocese, Bishop Gameline of St. Andrews, who, after causing Robert, Dean of Linlithgow, to institute inquiry, gave judgment that the chapel was a mother church, and was consequently free from ecclesiastical control, being subject to the Pope only.[1] Of this endowed and free chapel at Dunipace, "Roger the clerk," in the charters of Gilbert, Earl of Angus, was obviously the incumbent.

The chaplain at Dunipace exercised no unimportant influence on the destinies of his country. According to a tradition, recorded by Henry the Minstrel, and accepted by the historians, Sir William Wallace was, as a youth, trained under the superintendence of his uncle, the priest of Dunipace. And by his clerical relative he was inspired with that love of liberty which led him to dedicate his life towards retrieving the freedom of his country. These lines, which his uncle composed, the patriot was in the habit of quoting :—

> "Dico tibi verum, libertas optima rerum
> Nunquam servili sub nexu vivito, fili."[2]

Roger the clerk, along with —— Boyville and Michael de Miggel [Meigle], all being described as "esquires,"[3] were

[1] Register of the Monastery of Cambuskenneth, p. 112.

[2] Majoris Historia, editioo 1740, p. 169. The chaplain's lines may be translated thus: "My son, believe me, freedom is the best of all possessions. Never, then, yield your neck to a servile yoke."

[3] Here we have the first indication of the name of Roger being used as a surname. The entry is important, as enabling us with a measure of certainty to identify "Roger the clerk" with the sept afterwards bearing the appellative.

Scottish prisoners in the castle of Nottingham from the 1st of May 1298 till Saturday before Michaelmas 1299, when the last was set at liberty, the two others continuing in ward.[1] They had probably been all taken prisoners by the Earl of Surrey at the battle of Dunbar, on the 29th April 1296. In "the Account" of the Provost of Perth rendered at Dundee on the 5th June 1342, there is a payment of forty shillings to the Clerk of Liverance, acknowledged by Roger, his clerk.[2] And in the "Account" of William of Fordoun, clerk of the Queen's Wardrobe, rendered at Scone on the 12th December 1331, there occurs among the expenses of the King and Queen in attending Parliament, an item of 6s. 8d. paid to "Friar Roger" for his travelling costs from Cardross to Scone.[3]

A branch of the Roger family settled at Dundee on the 27th September 1510. John Roger is, in a charter granted by Elizabeth Mason, relict of John Scrymgeour, burgess of Dundee, named as owner of tenements in that burgh.[4] To this branch probably belonged John Roger, the Pre-Reformation martyr. In connection with his death, which took place in 1544, John Knox writes: "Johne Roger, a Blake Freir, godly, learned, and ane that had fructfully preached Christ Jesus to the comforte of many in Angus and Mearnes, whom that bloody man (Cardinal Beaton) caused murther in the ground of the Sea-toure of Sanctandross, and then caused to cast him ower the craig, sparsing a fals

[1] Chancery Miscellaneous Portfolios, No. 11.

[2] Exchequer Rolls, vol. i. p. 485.

[3] *Ibid.* p. 382.

[4] Reg. Mag. Sig., vol. ii. No. 3650.

bruyt (report) that the said Johne seeking to flie had broken his awin craig."[1]

John Roger, skinner burgess of Dundee, died intestate in December 1598, leaving a widow, Isobel Cathrow, together with a son William and a daughter Helen. Among those who in his testament-dative are named as indebted to him is Thomas Roger in Muresyde.[2]

On the 20th May 1615, James Roger, maltman burgess of Dundee, granted to John Ostler, weaver on the hill, a loan of fifty merks.[3]

George Roger, skipper burgess of Dundee, is in the old burying-ground of the place thus commemorated on a recumbent tombstone: "Hic · dormienti · pietate · et · virtvte · insigni · viro · Georgio · Roger · Navclero · et · civi · hvivs · oppidi · qvi . obiit · anno · 1611 · die · primo · Octobris · ætatis · vero · svæ · anno · 33 · hoc · faciendvm · procvravit · eivs · conivnx · Elizabetha · Lochmalovnie · Mihi · hodie · cras · tibi."

By his wife, Elizabeth Lochmalony, George Roger had three sons, George, William, and David, also a daughter, Bessie.[4]

William Roger, merchant burgess of Dundee, and one of the magistrates of that burgh, in his will, dated 6th July 1658, provides "one-half of his real and personal estate for the education and training of seven poor male children within the burgh." The bequest constitutes a

[1] John Knox's Works, edited by David Laing, vol. i. p. 119.

[2] Testament-Dative of John Roger. Edinb. Com. Reg., vol. xxxiv.

[3] General Register of Deeds, vol. xliv., December 19, 1633.

[4] Inventory and Latter Will of George Roger. Brechin Com. Reg., vol. iii. fol 31.

fund of the present value of £1745. Bailie William Roger was husband of Euphan Man, who, surviving him, established in 1663 a Merchant Widows' Fund at Dundee, of which the stock now amounts to £2452, 4s. 10d.[1]

On the 8th July 1434, John, Bishop of Brechin, in presence of Walter de Ogilvy, deputy-sheriff of Forfar, in the Cathedral of Brechin, presented letters-patent respecting his right to a portion of the Muir of Monrenmont, lying near the Grange of Fernewale [Farnell], and craving the sheriff to examine witnesses in support of his claim. As a witness appeared Adam de Roger, who had passed the age of ninety. He testified that his father, who resided at Fernewale, had leased the farm of Clothoc, with the portion of land in question, and with the mill of Achdŭny —all from Bishop Patrick; that he was aware that his father had cultivated the land, and grazed upon it sheep and swine without interruption or hindrance. His father's name, he said, was John de Roger.[2]

A probable descendant of Adam of Roger, Robert Roger,[3] tenant farmer at Drumleithie, in the parish of Glenbervie and county of Kincardine, died in August 1613, leaving an only child, Elspet, wife of James Anderson, who succeeded to the lease.

Towards the close of the fifteenth century a branch of the Roger family were settled as husbandmen on a portion of the lands of Baikie and Rethey [Redie], in the county of

[1] Report on Charitable Institutions at Dundee, pp. 9, 10.

[2] The Carnegies of Southesk. By William Fraser, vol. ii. p. 511.

[3] Testament-Dative of Robert Roger in Drumleithie. Brechin Com. Reg., vol. iii., 5th April 1614.

Forfar. The Saxon family of Fenton held lands in Forfarshire prior to 1261, when John de Fenton is named as sheriff of the county.[1] They possessed the lands of Baikie, in the parish of Airlie, occupying a castle of that name on the western borders of a loch, which has yielded to modern culture. The locality is celebrated in ballad—

> "Bonnie shines the sun on the high towers o' Airly;
> Bonnie swim the swans in the loch o' the Baikie;
> High is the hill, an' the moon shining clearly,
> But the cauld Isla rins atween me an' my dearie."[2]

On the 25th April 1403, an indenture was entered into between William de Fenton of Baky on the one part, and Margaret de la Ard of Ercles and Thomas de Chesehelme [Chisholm], her son and heir, on the other part, dividing between them certain lands, of which they were heirs-portioners, the first named being the barony of Rethy. The indenture is confirmed by the Regent Albany.[3] A daughter of the house of Fenton having married into the family of Abernethy, representatives of the Culdee abbot of the monastery of that name who secularised its revenues, Sir William Abernethy received from Robert III., on the 21st August 1404, a charter of the barony of "Rethie." This charter was granted by the king to Sir William Abernethy of Saltoun and Maria, his wife, on the resignation of the former.[4] On the 28th January 1463-64 William

[1] Chamberlain Rolls vol. i. p. 34.

[2] Jervise's Memorials of Angus and Mearns, p. 273.

[3] Robertson's Index of Charters, p. 167, No. 21.

[4] Antiquities of Aberdeenshire, vol. ii. p. 227.

Abernethy, second Lord Saltoun, described as son and heir of the late Sir Laurence, Lord Abernethy in Rothiemay, resigned his lands, including those of Rethie in Forfarshire, into the hands of James III., who thereafter granted him a charter of novodamus.

On the lands of Rethy, or Redie, Thomas Roger had, prior to the 16th June 1496, acquired a settlement. Of that date he appeared as a complainer before the Lords of the Council. The proceedings are reported thus—

"Anent the actioun and cause persewit be Thomas Rogeire aganis James, Lord of Abernethy, in Rothenay, for til have himselff decernit to enter, or ger enter be his bailye, the saide Thomas Roger in and to the tak and assedacioune of the haiff landis of the tovne of Redy, lyand in the sherefdome of Forfare, to be bruikit and joisit be the saide Thomas Roger eftire the forme of the saide James' lettir of tak, and to warrant and defend the saide Thomas. And als in the actioune and cause perseuit be the saide Thomas aganis Elizabeth Fresell [1] for the wranguis occupacione of the saide halff landis of the toune of Redy pertenying to the saide Thomas in assedacioune, and to bring the evidentis that sche may use in the saide mater, as is at maire lenth contenit in the saidis summondis, is be the Lordes Auditoris contyneuit till the xi day of October next to cum, with continuacioune of dayis. . . . And becaus that the procuratouris of the saide Elizabeth producit, and schew ane letter of tak and assedacioune vnder the sele of vmquhile Wilzeam, Lord Abernethy, of date xxv day of Februer, in the yeir of God j^{m}iv^{c} sevinty and ane yeris, made be the saide vmquhile Wilzeam, Lord Abernethy, to vmquhile Wilzeam of Fentoune, and the saide Elizabeth, his spouse, for al the dayis and tenency of xix yeris eftir the date, that the tenentis and inhabitantis of the saide half landis and toune of Redy, and allegit be

[1] In 1416 a contract of marriage was entered into between Hugh Fraser of Lovat and Janet, sister of William Fenton of Baikie (Spalding Club Miscellany, vol. v. p. 256). From that marriage Elizabeth Fresell or Fraser was evidently descended.

the procuratouris of the said Elizabeth that the said tenentis and inhabitantis of the saidis landis had tak and assedacione thereof of ten yeris of the said landis to rin eftir the dait of the saide tak. The Lordis Auditouris assignis to the said Elizabeth the xi day of October to preif sufficientlie quhat personis inhabit and wer tenentis of the saidis half landis of the toun of Redy, and gif thei had tak, and quhat tenency thei had to riu eftir the dait of the said tak maid be the said vmquhile Wilzeam of Fentoune and Elizabeth, his spouse; and ordanis the said Elizabeth to haf letteres to summond her witnesses, and the parteis are summond be thamselffis, and their procutouris are summond *apud acta.*"[1]

Of these actions by Thomas Roger the records of the Lords of Council afford no further particulars, but inasmuch as the family of Roger are subsequently found occupying the lands which were the subject of controversy, it may be concluded that the pursuer's claim was found valid. In the summary of the rental of Cupar Abbey, made in 1542-43, David Roger is named as one of four tenants occupying the lands of Redie who paid teind. That teind, forming an equal portion with that paid by the other tenants, is stated as one quarter eleven bolls two firlots of meal, and five bolls two firlots of barley.[2]

David Roger, of the quarter lands of Redie, died in July 1581. His testament is dated 24th May of the same year, and the inventory of his moveable estate, consisting chiefly of farm stock and produce, is valued at £504. In his testament he sets forth that, being "lang vexit with seiknes, and being syngill, without wyf, and having *foris familiat* his haill bairnis," he constitutes William Roger, his

[1] Acta Dominorum Concilii, vol. vii. fol. 2

[2] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar-Angus, vol. ii. p 220.

eldest son, sole executor, to whom he leaves all his gear, "that he may settle his debts, amounting to £472, 2s. 8d." Among his debts is included the sum of £80, 13s. 4d. of "tocher guid to the bairnis of John Smyth in Cardanes," his grandchildren. To David Roger, his younger son, he bequeaths 400 merks, which were allowed him by his marriage contract. He describes Lord Saltoun as "maister of the grund," that is, feudal superior; while, according to the new arrangements consequent on the Reformation, the teind formerly payable to the Abbey is, to the extent of "four bollis, two firlottis of beir," made payable to Lady Uchiltrie.[1] Among the witnesses are David Roger, younger, and Thomas Man.[2]

William Roger, portioner of Redie, died in February 1589, his free substance amounting to £1456.[3] By his wife, Isobel Roger, daughter of William Roger, first portioner of Cupar Grange, he had two sons, James and John. John, the second son, rented the farm of Muirtoun, in the parish of Alyth. He married Elizabeth Thom, who died about the year 1624.[4] James, the elder son, succeeded to the lands of Redie. In 1606 he executed a settlement of his affairs, in which he specifies that should his sons die

[1] John Knox received in 1563 a pension of £66, 14s. 4d. from the revenue of Cupar Abbey (Rental Book of Abbey, vol. ii. p. 281). He married in March 1563 Margaret Stewart, second daughter of Lord Ochiltree; and, dying in 1572, his pension may have been continued to his widow, and been made payable to her relative, Lady Ochiltree, on her behalf; or Lord Ochiltree may have received jointly with his wife an annual grant from the secularised revenues of the Abbey.

[2] Commissariot Register of Edinburgh Testaments, vol. x., 26th February 1581-82.

[3] *Ibid.* vol. xxvi.

[4] Com. Reg. of Brechin.

before succeeding him in his "rowme" or inheritance, his daughters should be permitted to enjoy the succession, only on the condition that if they married, the husband of her who succeeded to the estate should assume the name of Roger.[1]

In the churchyard of Airlie a coffin slab of red sandstone is inscribed, "Lyis heir . . . Roger and Yofom Rolok, qvha died in Ridie, 1640;" the inscription is accompanied by the sculptured figures of a decorated cross, a sword, and a hunting-horn, also a blank shield. The lands of Redie possessed by the family of Roger have long been alienated.

At Whitsunday 1457, one half of the lands of Polkak, Blarachnoch, and Achnekathyl, on the estate of Cupar Abbey, was granted in lease to John Roger, the other half being leased to William Haldane.[2] A son of John Roger, styled John Rogerson, obtained a renewal of the lease in 1467. At Whitsunday 1474, John Roger received in lease the eighth part of Arthurstone, on the lands of Balbrogie, while, in 1479, a croft at Chapelton of Balbrogie was let to William Rogerson, probably a brother of the former.[3]

The Grange of Cupar Abbey was in 1454 leased for seven years by ten husbandmen, a twelfth portion being rented by William Roger. In the lease it was stipulated that each of the tenants should have under him not more than two cottars, who were not to be allowed the aid of neyfs or serfs. Each cottar was to be provided with

[1] Com. Reg. of Edinburgh, 1610.

[2] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. pp. 137, 138.

[3] *Ibid.* pp. 186, 226.

"yards" for "kale [colewort] and fuel" [broom]; he was also to be allowed to keep a single pig.[1] When, at Whitsunday 1468, the lease was renewed for five years, it was provided that each tenant should plant trees of ash, osier, and sauch, that is, provide timber for spear handles and twigs for basket-making. He also became bound to cultivate the marsh, that is, prepare peat from the morass or common muir. His rent was made to include certain personal services.[2] To William Roger the lease was further renewed at Whitsunday 1473.[3]

At Pentecost 1505, William Roger, son of the preceding tenant, obtained a lease of his father's "twelfth" for five years. He paid on entry a "gressum" of five merks.[4]

William Roger, second renter of Cupar Grange,[5] died prior to the 15th May 1508, when his portion was leased by James Ireland.[6] He was survived by a son and daughter, who at the time of his death were infants. The daughter, described as "Jonet Rogeare, wife of William Hudson," received conjunctly with her husband, on the 19th September 1542, a lease of the twelfth part of the lands of Cupar Grange. She married, secondly, John Findlay, and as his

[1] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. p. 123.

[2] *Ibid.* p. 142.

[3] *Ibid.* p. 165.

[4] *Ibid.* p. 258.

[5] In the Rental Book of the Abbey, and in the elder writs and records, the word Cupar is spelt in twelve different modes. These varieties are—Coupar, Couper, Coupir, Cowpar, Cowper, Cowpir, Cowpyre, Cubre, Culpyre, Cuper, Cupir, and Cupre. We have adhered to the original orthography, the name being derived from the Celtic *cuibhear* (pronounced Cupar), which signifies a place of shelter.

[6] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. p. 272.

relict she is, on the 9th March 1557, described as obtaining in lease a portion of the lands of Downy, in the barony of Glenisla.[1]

William Roger, third renter of Cupar Grange, obtained on the 1st May 1542, from Abbot Donald Campbell, a life lease of that portion of land leased by his father and grandfather. By the granter he is in the lease styled "our familiar," and is in his life lease conjoined with his wife Marjorie Blair, also with a son, or, whom failing, a daughter, and the survivor of the three.[2] On the 23d April 1544 he appears as bailie-depute of the monastery.[3] In this capacity he was, in 1561, associated with David Campbell of Denhead, a son of the abbot, and grandson of Archibald, second Earl of Argyle.

A record of proceedings in the Abbey court, dated 7th April 1561, has been preserved. It proceeds thus :—

"Curia balliatus terrarum et dominium de Cupro, tenta in pretorio eiusdem, die septimo mensis Aprilis, anno Dñi Jajv^{c} quinquagesimo primo, per Mag^{rum} Davidem Campbell et Willelmum Roger ballivos deputatos dictarum terrarum. Curia affirmata, sectis vocatis," etc.[4]

William Roger, third renter of Cupar Grange, and one of the bailies of the monastery, died in June 1562. His moveable estate was valued at £452, 18s. 6d., exclusive of silver lent to the laird of Ruthven. His testament, with corresponding inventory,[5] thus proceeds :—

"The Testament testamentar and Inventar of the guidis, geir, soumis

[1] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. ii. pp. 23, 146, 263.

[2] *Ibid.* pp. 16, 17, 189, 211.

[3] Fragmenta Scoto-Monastica, pp. xxvii-xxxi.

[4] *Ibid.*; also Rental Book of Cupar, vol. i. preface, p. xl.

[5] Edinburgh Commissariot Register.

of money and debtis pertaining to umquhil William Roger in Couper Grange in Angus the tyme of his decease, quha deceasit in the month of Junij the year of God 1562 years, faithfully maid and given up by himself as containing the nomination of executors and inventory of his guidis, and pairtlie maid and given up by Marjorie Blair his relict and William Roger his sone as containing the debtis awand to him and be him, quhome he nominat his Executors in his latter Will underwritten, of the daitt at Couper Grange the 16th day of Apryll the year of God foresaid before thir witnesses Alexander Cumming, George Ewen, William Quhittsoun, John Quhittsoun his neibouris, with utheris diverse.

"In the first the said umquhil William Roger had the guidis geir soumis of money and debtis of the avail and prices after following perteyning to him at the tyme of his decease foresaid, viz. 8 oxin, price of the peece 6 lib; summa 48 lib. Item 3 ky, price of the peece 4 lib; summa 12 lib. Item ane horse, twa meres, ane foall by the heirezeld horse,[1] price of them 16 lib. Item 9 stottis and queyis, twa and three years auld, price of the peece oure heide 4 merkis, summa 24 lib; 6 auld schiep price of the peece 13s. 4d. summa 4 lib; Item 24 hoggis price of the peece 6s. 8d. summa 8 lib. Item sawin on the ground 40 bollis aittis, estimat to the third corne extending to 6 score bollis aittis, price of the boll with the fodder 20s., summa 120 lib. Item mair 15 bollis beir sawin estimat to the fird (fourth) corne extending to sixty bollis beir price of the bolle with the fodder 30s. summa 90 lib; Item in peis 58 lib money. Item in utensils and domicilis with the abulzements of his bodye estimat to three score pundis. Summa of the Inventar 440 lib.

"Followis the debtis awand to the deid. Item, there wes awand to the said umquhil William Roger be William Quhittsoun in Couper Grange 20 merkis—Item mair be him 6 libs for whilk he is actit in the officials bookis of Dunkeld. Item be John Guthrie 42s.

"Summa of the debtis awand to the deid 20 lib 3s. 6d.

"Summa of the Inventar with the debtis 460 lib 3s. 8d.

"Followis the debtis awand be the deid.

"Item, ther wes awand be the said umquhil William Roger to the Abbey of Couper for the ferm of the grund in anno 1562 15 bollis 1 peck beir at 30s. the boll, summa 22 libs 11s. 10d.

[1] A horse which the lord of the manor had a right to claim.

"Mair 3 bollis aittis at 20s. the boll, summa 3 libs. Item, Mair for the teind in anno foresaid 12 bollis victuall thereof, 5 bollis beir and 7 bollis meal at 30s. the bolle over heid—summa 18 libs.

"Item, to his servants for the rest of their yearis fee and bountith, viz. to Johne Simpson, 30s. to Robert Spence 30s. and to Margaret Moncur 13s. 4d.

"Summa of the debtis awand to the deid 27 lib. 5s. 2d. Restis of free geir the debtis deductit 432 lib. 18s. 6d. to be dividit in three partis; the deid's part[1] is 144 libs. 6s. 1d. whereof the quot is componed for four libs.

"Follow the Deids legacy and latter will.

"At Couper Grange the 16th day of April the yeir of God 1562 yeirs, the whilk day the said William Roger made his legacy and latter will as follows:

"I leave Executors and Intromitters my wife Marjorie Blair and my son William Roger. I mak Oversmen David Roger in Redie, William Roger his son, Johne Diksoune and Johne Broun to see that the Executors do that they aucht to do to the bairnis and the gudewyf als lang as she halds hir but ane man to be maister of the hale hous. The silver that is in the Laird of Ruthven's hands, gif it happens to be delyverit in the gudewyf's tyme, the gudeman and the gudewyf are content that it be delyverit to the bairnis and disponit to them quha hes mister[2] be sight of the Oversmen. And this baith the gudeman and the gudewyf is content hereof with the advice of all the Oversmen together.

"This was done before thir witnesses Alexander Cumming, George Ewen, William Quhittsoun, John Quhittsoun, his neibouris with utheris divers. Sic subscribitur, William Roger. The above Will was confirmed before the Commissary at Dunkeld on the 18th July 1583."

[1] The "deid's part" is that portion of a moveable estate which one is entitled to dispose of by testament. If a man leaves a widow and no children, the widow is entitled to one-half of the free moveables as *jus relictæ*. If children are left and no widow, one-half of the free moveables go to the child or children as *legitim*. When both widow and children are left, the widow has a third as *jus relictæ*, the children a third as *legitim*, while the remaining third constitutes "the dead's part," which may be disposed of by will according to inclination.

[2] Need.

William Roger, third renter of Cupar Grange, married Marjory, daughter of William Blair of Balgillo, one of the four bailies of the monastery. The family of Blair of Balgillo were cadets of the house of Blair of Ardblair in Perthshire, which, about the year 1430, gave an abbot to the monastery. In 1460 David Blair was one of the abbey cellarers. David Blair of Bendochy had, in 1462, a lease of the church of Bendochy. In 1472 David Blair of Jordanston held in lease the church of Mathy; he also rented the parish church of Airlie under certain restrictions.[1] Rachel Blair of Ardblair was wife of Dr. Joseph Robertson, and their only child, Christian, married in 1795 Laurence Oliphant of Gask, brother of Carolina Oliphant, Baroness Nairne, the celebrated poetess.

Of the marriage of William Roger and Marjory Blair were born one son and two daughters.

Beatrice, the elder daughter, married John Dickson, portioner of Banchory. Their younger daughter, Marjory, married Patrick Small, portioner of Cupar Grange. The marriage contract of Patrick Small, described as "son and heir of the late William Small and Janet Follay," and Beatrice Roger, relict of the late John Dickson, portioner of Banchory, on behalf of Marjory Dickson, her younger daughter, is dated at the Abbey of Cupar 28th April 1598,—the instrument of sasine following thereupon bearing date 10th July 1603. In the instrument of sasine

[1] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i., preface xxxvi, 39-48, 142, 160, 165, 205, 208, 215; vol. ii. p. 180.

"William Roger, portioner of Cupar Grange," appears as a witness.[1]

Janet, younger daughter, married, first, John Brown in Leitfie, parish of Airlie, to whom she had three sons, William, Ranald, and David; also three daughters, Elspeth, Beatrice, and Marjory. Ranald Brown received a letter under the Privy Seal, dated at Stirling Castle 1st April 1579, in which he had a "gift of the escheit of all the gudis, etc., which pertenit" to Janet Roger, relict of John Brown and mother of the said Ranald.[2] Janet Roger married, secondly, Thomas Bell in Leitfie, apparently without issue. In an instrument dated at Stirling 22d June 1579, "Thomas Bell in Leitfie, his aires, etc.," obtained a gift of the estate which "pertenit to Janet Roger in Leitfie and Ranald Brown, denuncit rebel" for not producing a legal decreet of service before the Commissary of Dunkeld.[3]

William Roger, only son of William Roger and Marjory Blair, became fourth renter of Cupar Grange.

In or prior to the year 1586 he had granted to him by John Campbell of Calder, conjunctly with his wife Margaret Rollock,[4] and the survivor, and to their heirs-male, a charter of feu-farm of the twelfth part of the lands of Cupar. While the date of this charter is uncertain, William Roger is described as "portioner of Cupar Grange" in a process in

[1] Register of Sasines, Perth, vol. ii. fol. 296 b.

[2] Privy Seal Register, vol. xlv. fol. 120. For the recent history of the family of Brown in Leitfie, see *postea*.

[3] *Ibid.* vol. xlvi. fol. 9; Edinb. Com. Reg. Testaments, xxxiii. July 27, 1599.

[4] Sheriff Court of Perth Decreets, vol. iii. Yofom or Euphemia Rollok, commemorated in the parish churchyard of Airlie as wife of Roger of Redie, was a near relative of Margaret Rollock, wife of the first portioner of Cupar Grange.

the Sheriff Court of Perth, on the 27th August 1586, when he obtained a decreet against "John Lay in Strathardill," whom he pursued for recovery of "ane blak quyt horned young ox of thre yeir auld or theirby, worth xx merkis," which had strayed from a herd of oxen pasturing in the bounds of Glenfinnaig.[1]

In an action before the Lords of Council and Session, raised on the 2d March 1595, John Lindsay, parson of Menmuir, one of the senators of the College of Justice, on behalf of his wife Lady Corstorphine, described as "life-rentrix of the lands of Cupar Grange, pursued the twelve portioners of the estate, including" [Margaret] Rollok, relict of umq[1] William Roger,[2] whereby we discover that William Roger, the fourth renter and first portioner, died prior to the date of summons.

On the 21st December 1604, William Roger, son of William Roger, first portioner, being "of lawful age," obtained sasine of the twelfth part of the lands of Cupar Grange, sasine proceeding on a precept of *clare constat* in his favour by John Campbell of Calder, as superior.[3] He died about the year 1618.

William Roger, fifth renter of Cupar Grange, married Isobel Gillies, with issue a son William.[4] On the 20th February 1619 Andrew Ireland, brother-german to ——

[1] Sheriff Court of Perthshire, Decreets, vol. iii.

[2] Acts and Decreets, vol. clx.

[3] Perth Register of Sasines, vol. iii. fol. 384.

[4] There was probably a second son, David. On the 26th August 1660 David Roger in Bendochy, and his wife Helen Culross, had baptised a son John; also, on the 5th October 1661, a daughter Catherine (Bendochy Register).

Ireland of Parkhead, enacted in the Sheriff Court of Perthshire a process of poinding—

"Against William Roger, son and heir to the late William Roger, portioner of Coupar Grange, David Hill, Isobell Gillice, relict of the said William Roger, Gilbert Robertson, now her spouse, and Alexander Campbell of ——, heritable proprietors, liferenters, and rentallers of the tenth part of the town and lands of Coupar Grange."[1]

William Roger, son of William Roger and Isobel Gillies, became sixth renter and third portioner of Cupar Grange. He died in 1664. He married Elspeth, daughter of John Angus, one of the portioners of Cupar Grange, whose ancestors were early settlers on the abbey estate. About the year 1443 John Angus received in lease from the abbot a portion of the lands of Keithock. In 1463 Patrick Angus obtained a five years' lease of the fourth part of the lands of Percy. When, on the 8th December 1544, James Angus and his wife Katherine Brown received in lease a twelfth part of the lands of Cupar Grange, it was stipulated that it should be forfeited—

"In cace, as God forbeit, the said James, Katrine his spous, or an male forsaid, happinnis to hald ony oppinnionis of heresys aganis the ordinanses or constituttioun of haly kirk."

The lease was in 1549 confirmed to James Angus, son of the preceding, and to his wife Janet Thom.[2]

Subsequent to the death of William Roger, Elspeth Angus, his widow, resigned that portion of the lands of Cupar Grange held by her late husband into the hands of the superior, Patrick, Earl of Strathmore, who granted a

[1] Acts and Decreets, Sheriff Court of Perthshire, vol. xxvii. fol. 284.

[2] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. pp. 119, 132, 136, 302; vol. ii. pp. 32, 57, 58.

charter of the lands in favour of Patrick Meik of Lednassie, whose ancestor, William Meyk, was in 1469 one of the tenant-portioners of the same lands.

Of the marriage of William Roger and Elspeth Angus were born a son George, and a daughter Jean.

Jean, only daughter of William Roger and Elspeth Angus, married Andrew Soutar, renter of a portion of the lands of Cupar Grange, with issue two sons, Andrew and William, and two daughters, Margaret and Janet.

Andrew was baptised 23d December 1677; William, 5th September 1682; Margaret, 29th September 1672; Janet, 25th February 1675.[1]

The family of Soutar are believed to have sprung from one of the two sons of Sir Adam Johnstone of Westerraw in Lanarkshire, who, early in the fifteenth century, left their native district and settled in Perthshire. Having discharged the duties of *soyter*, or judge in a court of justice ayre, his family assumed as a surname the name of his office. At Pentecost 1457 Thomas Soutar obtained from the abbot of Cupar the lease of a portion of the land of Muirton, in which he and his three sons were afterwards liferented. In 1549 John Soutar in Banchory is named as one of the bailies of the abbey.[2]

George Roger, son of William Roger and Elspeth Angus, was baptised at Bendochy on the 28th January 1649.[3] He leased the farm of Millhorn and Grange, and

[1] Bendochy Register.

[2] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. p. 235; vol. ii. p. 64.

[3] There is no evidence of any other son having been born to William Roger and Elspeth Angus. But it appears that

latterly the lands of Cupar Grange, all in the parish of Bendochy. He was living in 1719, when he is discharged by his son-in-law, John Stewart in Milltoun of Rattray, of 200 merks, given in dower with his second daughter Katherine. He married Katherine, daughter and heiress of William Bisset in Welltoun of Balbrogie, by his wife Janet Soutar.[1]

The family of Bisset, or Byset, were brought into Scotland by William the Lion, on his return from his captivity at Falaise.[2] Henry Byset witnessed a charter of William the Lion prior to 1198.[3] A branch of the family which settled in Morayshire also obtained lands in other northern counties.

Sir Robert Byset was one of the witnesses to a charter, by which David de Strathbolgy, Earl of Athole, confirmed to the monks of Cupar, the lands of Dunfolenthyn.[4]

James Bisset, portioner of Balbrogie, died 8th July 1592.[5] In an instrument of sasine, dated 28th June 1609, whereby Archibald Ogilvy of Grange granted to James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, the hereditary office of porter of the Abbey of Cupar, "William Bisset, portioner of Balbrogy,"

on the 18th June 1670 a William Roger and his wife Bessie Duncan had a daughter named Elspeth baptised (Bendochy Register).

[1] In the Perthshire Register of Sasines (vol. xv. fol. 69 b) is recorded a sasine proceeding on a precept of *clare constat* by John Blair of Polcalk in favour of Katherine Bisset, daughter and heir of the late William Bisset in Welltown of Balbrogie, by Janet Soutar his wife, and spouse of George Roger in Cupar Grange, of the annual rent of £20 out of the lands of Balbrogie in Cupar Grange. The sasine is dated 24th July 1705.

[2] Chart. Melrose, vol. i. p. 123.

[3] Scalacronica, Maitland Club, Edinb. 1836, p. 41.

[4] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. p. 348.

[5] Edinburgh Com. Reg. Testaments, vol. xxix.; Inq. Spec. Perth, pp. 531, 532.

is a witness.[1] This William Bisset was father of Katherine Bisset, wife of George Roger.

Of the marriage of George Roger and Katherine Bisset were born four sons, William, Charles, James, and Patrick; also three daughters, Anne, Catherine Bisset, and Janet.

Anne, the eldest daughter, baptised 7th May 1680, married John Davie, of the parish of Cupar Angus.

Catherine Bisset, second daughter, baptised 9th April 1682, married, November 1716, John Stewart, farmer, Greendykes, Perthshire, with issue.

Janet, third and youngest daughter, baptised 19th September 1686, married, 1st April 1709, James Playfair, farmer, Couttie, in the parish of Bendochy (see *postea*).

Charles, second son of George Roger and Katherine Bisset, baptised 16th June 1689, married, first, in June 1716, Grizel Mackie, of the parish of Bendochy, without issue. He married, secondly, March 1718, Margaret Hill, of the parish of Eassie, by whom he had a son John, baptised 7th May 1722, also a daughter, Catherine, born 1719; both died young.

James, third son of George Roger, baptised 22d April 1691, died on the 11th December 1708, at the age of sixteen. In the churchyard of Bendochy he is, by his parents, on an altar tombstone, thus commemorated:—

"Heir lies Iames Roger, lavfvl son to George Roger and Katharine Bisset, in Covpar Grange, who departed the 11 day of December 1706, of his age 16 years.

[1] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. ii. p. 297.

"His humble temper was so good,
His virtues in thair blossom;
And to his parents was so kind,
It was their grief to lose him."

Patrick, fourth son, baptised 22d March 1693, rented the farm of Northern Cupar Grange. He married, 14th August 1718, Margaret Kidd, of the parish of St. Martin's, with issue six sons and four daughters.

Janet, the eldest daughter, baptised 15th January 1727, married, 11th June 1748, John Blair, with issue two daughters,—Margaret, baptised 18th March 1753, and Jean, baptised 29th April 1764.

Jean, second daughter, baptised 11th July 1735.

Barbara, third daughter, baptised 3d March 1738.

Margaret, fourth daughter, baptised 2d April 1743.

James, the eldest son, baptised 7th November 1719, was renter of Cupar Grange, afterwards of Hallhill, in the parish of Caputh. He married Margaret Corson, by whom he had two sons and two daughters.

Peter, baptised 30th September 1748.

James, baptised, 13th April 1750.

Margaret, baptised 15th March 1752.

Sophia, baptised 22d September 1754.

George, second son of Patrick Roger and Margaret Kidd, was baptised 23d December 1722. He settled in Dundee as a merchant, and married, with issue.

William, third son, baptised 12th February 1725, rented a farm in the parish of Tealing, Forfarshire. He married, with issue.

Thomas, fourth son, born 7th November 1728; died, *s. p.*

Charles, fifth son, baptised 2d April 1731, settled in Dundee, where he prospered as a manufacturer, and was elected Convener of the Incorporated Trades. He married, first, 19th September 1764, Grizel, eldest daughter of Thomas Davidson of Wolflaw, without issue. Secondly, 10th August 1792, Catherine, daughter of James Young, manufacturer, Dundee, with issue, a son, Charles Young, also a daughter, Catherine.

Catherine, only daughter of Charles Roger, manufacturer, Dundee, born 30th December 1797, died unmarried.

Charles Young, only son of Charles Roger and Catherine Young, died in July 1858. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Mackenzie, manufacturer (born 4th July 1797, died 26th January 1862), and by her had a son, Charles Raitt; also three daughters, Elizabeth Soutar, Catherine Young, and Wilhelmina Margaret.

Patrick, sixth and youngest son of Patrick Roger, was baptised 22d April 1733.

William, eldest son of George Roger and Katherine Bisset, was baptised 20th January 1684. Renter of Northern Cupar Grange, he married, first, in 1710, Margaret, daughter of —— Wright of Lawton, Perthshire. She died 24th December 1721, and is by her husband commemorated on a tombstone in the churchyard of Bendochy in these lines:—

"Intom'd here lyes the beauteous Margaret Wright
Whose fame untainted shines for ever bright

Her virtuous soul this naughty world flyes
And mounting rests in peace above the skyes;
Thrice happie she who acted here in life
A pious mother and a loving wife."

By his first wife, Margaret Wright, William Roger had a son, George, who was baptised 25th May 1716, and died unmarried; also four daughters.

Jean, eldest daughter, was baptised 18th January 1711. She married her cousin, George Playfair, renter of Knowhead of Bendochy, by whom she had one son, James, afterwards D.D., and Principal of the United College, St. Andrews. She died at St. Andrews in 1804, aged ninety-three (see *postea*).

Janet, second daughter of William Roger and Margaret Wright, was baptised 9th June 1714.

Barbara, third daughter, baptised 19th March 1718, married James Millar, farmer, Cupar Grange, with issue a son, George, who died *s. p.*; also four daughters, Isabella, who married William Taylor, Meigle; Jean, who married John Duncan, farmer, Bothrie, and died *s. p.*; Elizabeth, who married Peter Crichton, farmer, Hatton of Newtyle, with issue; and Barbara, who married William Gow, farmer, Cupar Grange, with issue.

Sophia, fourth daughter, was baptised 19th April 1719. She died young.

William Roger, married, secondly, 12th August 1726, Janet, daughter of David Gellatly, factor, Lethendy.

The family of Gellatly were numerous in South-eastern Perthshire. In the parishes of Bendochy and Rattray they

are to be remarked as intermarrying with the families of Roger, Playfair, and Constable, also with the family of Donaldson of Cotyards, Bendochy.

On the 10th September 1699, Patrick Gellatly and his wife, Isabel Playfair at Cotyards,[1] had a son Peter baptised. On the 29th March 1719, James Constable in Drumend and Isabel Gellatly had a son James baptised.[2] David Donaldson of Cotyards and Isabel Gellatly had a son David baptised, 21st February 1663; among the witnesses was Patrick Donaldson, portioner of the Mains of Rattray.[3]

By his second wife, Janet Gellatly, William Roger had three sons, William, Peter, and David; also a daughter, Sophia.

Sophia, fifth daughter of William Roger, and only daughter by his second wife, was baptised 28th November 1729. She married, 23d August 1751, John Playfair, farmer at West Cupar Grange, with issue, four sons and four daughters (see *postea*).

William Roger, eldest son of William Roger, renter of Northern Cupar Grange, by his second wife, Janet Gellatly, was baptised 19th June 1727. He rented the lands of Nether Cupar Grange, and married, first, Isobel, eldest daughter of George Constable in Mains of Bendochy[4] (see *postea*), by whom he had a son George, born 17th January 1762, who died in infancy; also two daughters.

Margaret, baptised 10th July 1769, died in infancy.

[1] Bendochy Parish Register.

[2] Rattray Parish Register.

[3] *Ibid.*

[4] Marriage contract, dated 18th November 1758.

Janet, second daughter, married John West, farmer, May riggs, Bendochy. She died 22d June 1846, leaving two sons.

William, the elder son, born 1794, succeeded to the lease of Mayriggs, and there died 13th November 1868. He married, 26th December 1845, Jane, second daughter of Robert Hill, farmer, Brunty, parish of Cargill, with issue two sons and a daughter, viz.:—

James Brodie, born 17th February 1849.

William, born 30th January 1853.

Mary Millar, born 15th October 1850.

John, younger son of Janet Roger and John West, was born in 1798. He rented the farm of Mid Derry, in the parish of Alyth, and there died, unmarried, 21st June 1878.

William Roger, renter of Nether Cupar Grange, married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Robertson, in Tullynydie, by whom he had a son, William, who was born 9th January 1776, and died in infancy.

David Roger, third son of William Roger and Janet Gellatly, was baptised 23d February 1735; he died young.

Peter Roger, second son of William Roger by his second wife, Janet Gellatly, was baptised 7th May 1732. He rented the farms of Ryehill and Haughs of Cupar Grange; subsequently, the farm of Laws, in the parish of Monifieth, Forfarshire. Deeply imbued with a sense of religion, he served as an elder of the Church, and was remarkable for his strict morals and becoming deportment. At a period when, owing to the prevalence of illicit distillation, intemperance largely prevailed among Scottish husbandmen, his sobriety was conspicuous. In the farm of Laws his two immediate

predecessors were topers, the first being noted as "Whisky Laws," and the second as "Porter Laws;" in contrast with these, he was known by the appellative of "Water Laws," his beverage consisting of water only. Peter Roger died on the 27th January 1809.

When the parish church of Bendochy was, in 1885, extensively repaired, through the energetic efforts of the parochial clergyman, a window commemorative of Peter Roger was placed in the structure by one of his descendants; it is thus inscribed:—

"Presented by James Cruikshank Roger, of the Middle Temple, Esquire, in memory of his grandfather, Peter Roger, an elder of this parish, and of his ancestors, tenants and heritable proprietors of part of the Grange of Cupar Abbey from A.D. 1454."

On the 27th June 1766, Peter Roger married Janet, youngest daughter, and eventual heir-portioner of Thomas Davidson of Wolflaw, in the parish of Tannadice, and renter of Magdalen's Kirktoun, in the parish of Mains, and of Milton of Craigie, in the parish of Dundee. Thomas Davidson was only child of Alexander Davidson, farmer at Balledsen, in the parish of Tealing. A cadet of the house of Davidson of Balgay, he was born at Balledsen in 1705. By his wife, Anne Curr, he had a son, John, also three daughters, Grizel, Margaret, and Janet.

John, only son of Thomas Davidson of Wolflaw, was baptised on the 17th April 1740; he succeeded to his father's inheritance, and died, in 1779, unmarried.

Grizel, eldest daughter of Thomas Davidson of Wolflaw, married, first, James Davidson, shipmaster; secondly,

Charles Roger, manufacturer, Dundee.[1] Margaret, second daughter, born in 1731, married James Neish,[2] brewer, Dundee, who died in 1824, leaving three sons and two daughters. James Neish, grandson of Mrs. Margaret Neish or Davidson, purchased the estate of Laws, formerly tenanted by his relative Peter Roger,—he died 22d May 1882. His brother, William Neish, barrister-at-law, and proprietor of the estates of Tannadice and Clepington, both in the county of Forfar, died on the 16th March 1886, aged seventy-one. Another of the grandchildren, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, *née* Geddes, is proprietress of the estate of Ravensby, in the parish of Barry, Forfarshire.

Janet Davidson, youngest daughter of Thomas Davidson of Wolflaw, was born at Magdalen's Kirktoun, and there baptised on the 1st May 1743. She married Peter Roger in 1766, and died 23d June 1825.

Peter Roger, renter of Ryehill and Haughs of Cupar Grange, afterwards of Laws, had by his wife, Janet Davidson, three sons and four daughters.

Anne, the eldest daughter, was baptised 23d July 1769; she died in 1780.

Margaret, second daughter, was baptised 17th July 1774; she died 24th November 1858, unmarried.

Sophia, third daughter (a twin with her brother Charles), born 5th November 1780, died 7th May 1822, unmarried.

[1] See *supra*.

[2] Members of the family of Neish rented lands in the parish of Tannadice during the sixteenth century. On the 5th November 1588, was entered in the Commissariot Register of Edinburgh the "Testament Testamentar and Inventar of William Neische, in Easter Balgillie," parish of Tannadice, who died 8th May 1587. As witnesses are named Andrew Neisch in Tannadice, and his son Andrew.

Isabella, fourth daughter, born 21st April 1777, died 23d December 1854, unmarried.

Of the three sons of Peter Roger, John, the second son, baptised 20th March 1772, died in 1780.

James Roger, the eldest son, was born at Ryehill, in the parish of Bendochy, on the 24th June 1767. By his father dedicated to the pastoral office, he was early sent to the best schools of his neighbourhood, and in his fourteenth year was deemed competent to enter the University. To the Professors at St. Andrews he was as a youth of high promise introduced by his relative, the celebrated Professor John Playfair, who then held office as minister of Liff. Professor Playfair was in his thirty-third year; but young as he comparatively was, he impressed his younger companion with a deep sense of his sobriety and virtue. He counselled him to write frequently to his parents, prepare his lessons vigilantly, and eschew unprofitable diversion.

James Roger entered upon his academical career with distinction. The youngest member of his class, he, at the annual competition, was declared the winner of one of the four foundation bursaries—a success which so rejoiced his latest teacher, who was also prosecuting his studies at College, that he bore him triumphantly upon his shoulders into the presence of the Senate. Throughout his first College session sustaining his reputation as a classicist, he at its close received from the hand of the Earl of Kinnoull, the Chancellor, a premium, awarded by him to the student of the first Latin class who had made the

most marked proficiency. That premium, consisting of a handsome copy of Ruddiman's edition of Livy, in four duodecimo volumes, was presented in the common hall by the noble donor, who expressed surprise at the recipient's youth. Each volume bears the Chancellor's arms; and on the first, in the handwriting of Dr. John Hunter, the celebrated Professor of Humanity, is a commendatory inscription, subscribed by Dr. Joseph M'Cormick, Principal of the United College, in the name of his colleagues. With Professor, latterly Principal Hunter, the prize-winner commenced a friendship which subsisted for nearly fifty years. From the farm of Ryehill his father had removed to that of Laws, on the estate of Sir Alexander Ramsay Irvine, a circumstance which attracted towards him the notice of that patriotic baronet, who, presenting him with one of the valuable Ramsay bursaries, recommended him to pursue his theological studies at Marischal College. At the northern University he attracted the notice of the celebrated Professor George Campbell, afterwards Principal, also of his learned colleague, Professor Alexander Gerard. By these eminent theological teachers he was encouraged to publicly criticise the discourses delivered as trials in the Divinity Hall, and he had the satisfaction to find that his strictures were usually approved.

Preparatory to entering on the office of preacher, James Roger so familiarised himself with the sacred volume that he could at once turn to any passage quoted without the aid of a concordance. He had also studied the principal passages in the original tongues. When on trials

for probationary licence he, contrary to custom, dispensed with the use of MS. notes. Licensed by the Presbytery of Dundee on the 4th of May 1791, he in the same year was appointed assistant at Cortachy to the aged incumbent; and when a vacancy occurred four years afterwards, the parishioners earnestly entreated the patron for his appointment to the cure. But the living was already promised to another, who was accordingly presented. Mr. Roger now became parochial assistant at Monifieth, and at the request of the minister prepared a description of the parish for Sir John Sinclair's "Statistical Account of Scotland." This performance brought him into contact with Sir John Sinclair, who, perceiving his literary ardour, introduced him to the acquaintance of George Dempster of Dunnichen, formerly Member of Parliament, and one of the most accomplished men of the time. Mr. Dempster had undertaken to prepare an agricultural survey of the county of Forfar, but as the work proved arduous, he transferred the duty to his young friend, who, in order to efficiently perform his office, visited every parish in the county. His report was printed in 1794 under the title of "General View of the Agriculture of the County of Angus or Forfar;" it was accompanied with a preliminary dissertation by Mr. Dempster.

In 1795 the Highland Society invited persons interested in husbandry to give expression to their views on these six subjects—Farm houses; farm servants; houses in the Highlands; grain, grass, and green crops; brewing and watering; plantations and natural woods. On these several

themes Mr. Roger sent to the Society a paper, which he concluded with these words: "If I have thrown out a single hint which may contribute in any degree to improve the country which gave me birth, my labour will be amply paid, and I aim at no other reward." But the directors, at their meeting on the 9th January 1796, awarded to the writer "a gold medal or piece of plate of the value of five guineas," in acknowledgment of the communication.[1] Included in the Society's collections the paper contains important information on the subjects under discussion, also some valuable suggestions. To arrest the progress of emigration the writer recommended that each agricultural labourer should be provided with a small house and garden, along with a few acres to bring under culture, and also be allowed to graze a cow with the farmer's cattle, and to have a few sheep feeding with his flock.

In 1796 Mr. Roger published an "Essay on Government," intended to allay the excitement which, among peasants and artisans, unduly prevailed through the action of the French Directory. It reached a third edition.

After assisting the ministers of various parishes in the counties of Forfar and Perth, Mr. Roger in the autumn of 1802 proceeded to London, with the view of following the profession of letters. In the Metropolis he sought counsel from his relative, William Playfair, the eminent statistical writer; and by that gentleman he was urged to abandon an enterprise in which few had succeeded

[1] History of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland. By Alexander Ramsay, 1879, 8vo, p. 109.

so as to earn a decent competence. After a brief experience of London life he returned to Scotland, accomplishing the homeward voyage by sea in about eight days. In Scotland he on his return found ready and congenial employment. He became a leader-writer to a new journal, the *Dundee Perth and Cupar Advertiser*, and also obtained employment as a preacher. On the 4th July 1803, he started, along with his friend Mr. Dempster, "The Lunan and Vinney Water Farming Society," an association which continued to assemble yearly till July 1814, creating over a wide district a new and increasing interest in the cause of husbandry. To this Society Mr. Roger contributed some important papers.

On the recommendation of Principal Playfair, his cousin-german, Mr. Roger was presented by the United College of St. Andrews to the church living of Dunino, Fifeshire, and was admitted to the charge on the 2d May 1805. As his parish was situated within a few miles of St. Andrews, he was enabled by his proximity to a University Library to actively continue his favourite studies. Abundantly familiar with the Roman writers, he derived recreation in committing to memory choice passages of the Latin poets. Till upwards of fourscore he read, as a daily exercise, the Greek New Testament and portions of the Classics. Nearly every work of value in English literature he had read or looked into; and with the aid of notes he could at any interval recall and utilise the fruits of his research. When geological science was but imperfectly understood, he became a skilful mineralogist. His

conversation was singularly instructive, while his description of scenes and events associated with his youth moved with interest and surprise.

Mr. Roger indulged juridical studies as a mental exercise and from the sheer love of justice; and it was the opinion of one to whom he was known incidentally—the celebrated Lord Chief Commissioner Adam—that if he had in London adopted the profession of a barrister, and sought practice in the courts, he would have reached the highest honours of the legal profession. He composed an historical novel entitled "Lord Erichtstream;" it relates to the period of the Scottish Reformation, but is still in MS. After a period of failing health he died on the 23d November 1849, in his 83d year. He married, 23d January 1823, Jean, second daughter of the Rev. William Haldane, minister of Kingoldrum, by whom he had a son, the writer of these memoirs.

Charles, only son of James Roger and Jean Haldane, was born 18th April 1825; he has assumed the surname of Rogers. Having attended classes in the University of St. Andrews 1839-46, he was licensed to preach in June 1846, and was ordained to the ministry as chaplain of Stirling Castle in 1855, which office he resigned in 1863. He induced his countrymen to rear the national monument to Wallace, and has engaged in various patriotic undertakings. He has issued or edited about forty publications, chiefly in connection with Scottish history and antiquities. He married, 14th December 1854, Isabella, eldest daughter of John Bain, manager of the Bank of

Scotland, St. Andrews; she died, 17th September 1880, without issue. Dr. Rogers is LL.D. of Columbia College and D.D. of the College of William and Mary.

Charles, third and youngest son of Peter Roger and Janet Davidson, was born 5th November 1780. A merchant burgess of Dundee, he some time served as a town councillor of that burgh. An accomplished antiquary and historical student, he contributed articles on archæological and historical subjects to the local journals. A collector of rare coins and medals, he acquired some distinction as a numismatologist. Inclined to philological pursuits, he dedicated his leisure to a comparison of the various English versions of the Scriptures, and the fruits of his research he published in an elegant quarto entitled "A Collation of the Sacred Scriptures." Industrious as a genealogist, he prepared pedigree "trees" of the kings of Scotland, which were issued in large copperplate engravings. Engaging in mechanical pursuits, he found congenial occupation in restoring objects of art which had fallen into decay, also in constructing new and ingenious appliances. For a time he held office as keeper of the Dundee Public Library. He married, first, 5th June 1810, Isabella, only daughter of John Allan, burgess of Dundee, who died without issue; secondly, 8th September 1817, Anne, daughter of John Cruikshank of the Island of St. Vincent, who died 1st April 1825, leaving three sons and one daughter.

Charles, the eldest son, was born at Dundee on the 14th April 1819. In 1832 he entered the University of St. Andrews, and subsequently became a student of

medicine in the University of Edinburgh. Having settled in Canada, he devoted himself to literary pursuits, and for some time conducted a daily journal in the city of Quebec. In 1856 he issued a volume entitled "The Rise of Canada from Barbarism to Wealth." Eminently conversant with Oriental literature, he has rendered valuable assistance to those engaged in Biblical studies. A retired officer of the Canadian Civil Service, he now resides in the city of Ottawa. He married, first, 27th February 1840, Dorothy, daughter of John M'Robie of the Board of Ordnance, Quebec, who died on the 30th August 1872; secondly, Betsy Millar, daughter of John Brown, Mains of Stravithie, Fifeshire, and widow of William Paterson of Dundee, the well-known horticulturist.

By his first wife Charles Roger had issue four sons and one daughter.

John Charles, the eldest son, born at Quebec on the 11th December 1841, is partner in the firm of Maclean and Roger, printers to the Government of Canada. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas M'Intyre, merchant, Quebec (born 25th December 1846), with issue three sons and seven daughters:—

Charles John, born 19th December 1867, is overseer of the Ottawa Granite and Marble Works Company.

William Henry, born 29th September 1869.

John Maclean, third son, born 28th December 1877.

Elizabeth Matura, born 21st March 1871.

Anne, born 6th September 1872.

Dorothy, born 11th August 1874.

Harriet, born 16th May 1876.

Mary Alphonsino, born 3d December 1879.

Catherine, born 19th June 1881.

Emma, born 12th February 1883; she died in infancy.

William, second son of Charles Roger of Ottawa, was born in Quebec, 18th May 1843. He married, in 1870, Matura, daughter of Duncan M. Church, merchant, Harwood, Ontario, without issue.

James, third son, born in 1851, is resident in Montana, Bute City, near the Rocky Mountains.

Joseph, fourth son, was born at Quebec in 1853. He married Louisa, daughter of Captain Smith, of Gloucester, county Ottawa, with issue—

William John Cruikshank.

Alexander.

Anne, only daughter of Charles Roger of Ottawa, born 1849, married Andrew Muir, of the Civil Service, Hamilton, Canada West, with issue—

James.

Eliza.

Anne.

James Cruikshank, second son of Charles Roger and Anne Cruikshank, was born 21st June 1820. He is a barrister of the Middle Temple, and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. An accomplished antiquary, he has contributed several ingenious papers to the archæological journals. He married, 29th April 1848, Margaret Chalmers, younger daughter of Dr. Francis Neilson, physician in Glasgow, and his wife Margaret,

daughter of Thomas Chalmers of Dysart, Fifeshire; she died 15th August 1861. Of the marriage were born a son, Francis Robert Neilson, and a daughter, Anne Carolina Clementina Tytler.

Patrick, third son of Charles Roger and Anne Cruikshank, was born at Dundee on the 6th September 1822. First officer in a merchant vessel, he perished at sea in 1867. Twice married, he left by his second wife a son, George, and a daughter, Catherine.

Anne, daughter of Charles Roger and Anne Cruikshank, was born 19th March 1825; she married, in August 1855, James Strachan, and has issue two sons and three daughters:—

Charles Roger, born 26th May 1856; died 26th February 1857.

James, born 6th March 1862, is A.M. of the University of Glasgow, and has otherwise acquired academical distinction.

Caroline.

Margaret Elizabeth.

Anne Sophia.

Charles Roger, of Dundee, married, thirdly, in 1828, Jane, daughter of James M'Lagan, merchant, Montrose, representative of the old family of M'Lagan at Cobbleheugh, in Aboyne (born in 1808, died 2d July 1873). Of the marriage were born—

Sarah.

Sophia. She married, 7th January 1858, John Reid, chemist, Montrose, now Provost of that burgh, with issue, five sons and three daughters:—

Neil, eldest son, born 12th September 1859.

John, second son, born 30th November 1860, is B.A. of the University of Durham, and editor of the *West Kent Courier*.

Charles, third son, born 15th March 1864, died in infancy.

James Maclagan, fourth son, born 21st March 1868, is a medical student in the University of Edinburgh.

George, fifth son, born 25th May 1873, died in infancy.

Sarah.

Sophia.

Agnes Rutherford.

FAMILY OF PLAYFAIR.

PLAYFAIR is a surname of uncertain derivation. It occurs in "The Jew's Daughter," a Scottish ballad preserved by Bishop Percy in his "Reliques," thus :—

> "Then out and cam the Jewis dochter,
> Said, 'Will ye cum in, and dine?'
> 'I winna cum in, I canna cum in,
> Without my play-fieres nine.'"

The word "fiere," which denotes a companion, has been made familiar by Burns in his "Auld Lang Syne." In ancient Scottish "fiere" also signifies a furrow, while the instrument of tillage is described as "the plew." Hence the compound word plew-fiere or play-fair may have been applied to some successful husbandman.

On the 19th August 1290 "William Playfayre," described as "the Earl of Orkney's messenger," received from Edward I. a payment of thirteen shillings and fourpence for "bringing letters to him from Sir John Comyn, intimating the arrival of the Maiden of Norway.[1]

[1] Exchequer Q.R. Miscellanea, Wardrobe No. $\frac{6}{2}$. Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland. Edited by Joseph Bain. Edin. 1884, vol. ii. p. 107.

A branch of the family of Playfair was, in the sixteenth century, settled in Kent. William Playfere of Kent married Alice, daughter of William Wood of Bolling, about the middle of the century.[1] Their son, Thomas, born about the year 1561, entered St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1584, and after obtaining D.D. and various preferments, was, in 1596, elected Margaret Professor of Divinity. He became chaplain to King James, and was successively rector of Chean, in Surrey, and of Shipdam, in Norfolk. He died on the 2d February 1609, and was buried in St. Botolph's Church, Cambridge, where, on a tombstone representing his bust, is a long eulogistic epitaph, partly in Latin verse. He printed many separate discourses, which have been published in a collected form; he also composed a work on Predestination, which was issued posthumously. By Phineas Fletcher he is celebrated thus :—

> "Who lives with death, by death in death is lying;
> But he who living dies, best lives by dying,
> Who life to truth, who death to sorrow gives
> In life may die, by death more surely lives.
> My soul in heaven breathes, in schools my fame;
> Then on my tombe write nothing but my name."[2]

On the 23d of April 1431, William Playfair, bailie of Dundee, rendered to the Exchequer an account of the revenue returns of that burgh.[3] At Stirling, on the 13th August 1463, the Receiver of the Ward of the earldom of

[1] Fuller's Worthies of England. Lond., 2 vols. 4to, vol. i. p. 509.

[2] Athenæ Cantabrigienses. By Charles Henry Cooper, vol. ii. p. 513.

[3] Exchequer Rolls, vol. iv. p. 549.

Errol rendered his account, in which there is a receipt of forty-five shillings and one steer from the land of John Playfere.[1]

Descendants of John Playfair, husbandman at Errol, or of his sept, effected settlements in the adjacent parishes. Janet Playfair and her husband, Thomas Wright of Corrillmylne, Perthshire, were, along with William Blair, younger of Balthyock, and others, conjoined in a legal instrument, executed at the Kirk of Kinnoull, on the 16th April 1590, for implementing a marriage contract between their son Thomas Wright and Bessie, daughter of the deceased Dean Pitcairn, Canon of Scone.[2]

A member of the Errol family settled at St. Andrews. On the 4th May 1579, Patrick Playfair, deacon of the cordiners of St. Andrews, appeared before the Privy Council at Stirling Castle in support of a new grain measure adopted by the local authority, but which the Council had discharged.[3] With other burgesses of St. Andrews, Deacon Playfair was summoned before the Privy Council, which met at Edinburgh on the 23d June 1591, charged with taking part in a popular demonstration in which Mr. Andrew Melville, Principal of the New College, was subjected to personal discomfort.[4]

But the deacon of the cordiners personally espoused those principles which Principal Andrew Melville conspicuously upheld. At the University of St. Andrews he educated his

[1] Exchequer Rolls, vol. vii. p. 206.

[2] General Register of Deeds, vol. lxviii., p. 151. 6th March 1598-99.

[3] Privy Council Register, vol. iii.

[4] *Ibid.* vol. iv. p. 639.

son Andrew, who became indebted for his first preferment to his relations in Perthshire. On the 17th March 1594 the kirk session of St. Madoes (a parish adjoining that of Errol) agreed that "Andrew Playfair, son to Patrick Playfair in St. Andrews, be elected to teche the bairnis in the parische and the otheris about the parische," for which he was to be allowed "his buirde and service daylie; alswell for every bairne 6s. 8d. quarterlie.[1]

When elected to the office of schoolmaster at St. Madoes, Andrew Playfair was in his fifteenth year. At the University of St. Andrews he graduated A.M. in 1600. Licensed as a preacher, he was, on the 4th February 1613, ordained minister of Aberdalgie, Perthshire, by Bishop Alexander Lindsay of Dunkeld. He died about 1658, in the forty-fifth year of his ministry. He had a son Andrew and a daughter Margaret.[2]

Andrew Playfair, son of the minister of Aberdalgie, resided in Perth, and there died without issue, prior to the 21st May 1698. He specially bequeathed his moveable estate to his sister and her surviving children.[3]

Margaret Playfair, only daughter of the minister of Aberdalgie, married Mr. George Halyburton, her father's successor in his parochial cure. Cousin-german of Bishop George Halyburton of Dunkeld, George of Aberdalgie was descended from the Halyburtons of Pitcur, who, derived in turn from the house of Halyburton in Berwickshire.

[1] Parish Register of St. Madoes.

[2] Fasti Eccl. Scot. vol. ii. pp. 620-1.

[3] Inquisitiones Generales, No. 7981; Register of Deeds, Mackenzie Office, vol. lxxxiv., February 23, 1699.

Walter de Halyburton, confirmed a gift made by David his father in 1176 of the church of Halyburton to the Abbey of Kelso. Sir Henry Halyburton swore allegiance to Edward I. in 1296, and on the 23d May 1308 became one of the sureties for the liberation of Bishop Lamberton of St. Andrews. Walter, his great-great-grandson, and a younger son of the first Lord Halyburton of Dirleton, obtained by marriage the barony of Piteur, to which he had a charter in 1432. James Halyburton, of the family of Piteur, was Provost of Dundee, and a zealous military leader in the cause of Reformation. He died in 1588.[1]

George Halyburton graduated at the University of St. Andrews 12th June 1652, and by the Presbytery of Glasgow was licensed on the 10th November 1656. On the 6th August 1657 he was ordained assistant and successor at Aberdalgie. For his attachment to Presbytery he was deprived by the Acts of Parliament 11th June, and of the Privy Council 1st October, 1662. Thereafter he resided at Dupplin, being indebted for a residence to Mr. George Hay of Balhousie, who shared his sufferings. Mr. Halyburton was, by the Privy Council in August 1676, denounced for keeping conventicles. He died in October 1682, at the age of fifty-four, and in the twenty-sixth year of his ministry. His wife, Margaret Playfair, is described as "remarkable for her knowledge, memory of the Scriptures, and gift of prayer."[2] At Rotterdam, on the 23d November 1685, she, by a

[1] Genealogical Memoirs of the Family of Sir Walter Scott. Lond. 1877, pp. xxix, xxx.

[2] Fasti Eccl. Scot. vol. ii. p. 621.

legal writ, empowered her brother, Andrew Playfair, "residenter in Perth," to uplift and discharge her rents.[1]

Of eleven children born to George Halyburton by his wife Margaret Playfair, two only, a son and daughter, survived him. The daughter, Janet Halyburton, who was noted for her piety, married, in June 1682, Mr. Patrick Couper, minister of St. Ninians, afterwards of Pittenweem: she died in 1702, leaving three sons, Andrew, Thomas, and Joseph; also six daughters, Janet, Jean, Margaret, Isabel, Sophia, and Isobel. Janet, the eldest daughter, married, 18th August 1708, Andrew Burn, minister of Anstruther-Wester; she died, 15th April 1771, aged eighty-seven, leaving seven sons and four daughters.[2] Her grandson, Major-General Andrew Burn (born 1742, died 1814), was remarkable for his piety.[3]

Thomas Halyburton, son of George Halyburton and Margaret Playfair, was born at Dupplin in December 1674. Having studied at Rotterdam under Erasmus, he returned to Scotland, and entered St. Leonard's College. He there graduated 24th July 1696. Licensed by the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy on the 22d June 1699, he simultaneously received calls to Ceres, Elie, and South Leith. Preferring the first, he was, on the 1st May 1700, settled in that cure. Eminent as a theological scholar, he was, on the recommendation of the Synod of Fife, appointed Professor of Divinity in the New College, St. Andrews; he

[1] General Register of Deeds, Durie Office, vol. lxv. 7th December 1686.

[2] Fasti Eccl. Scot. vol. ii. pp. 408-9, 456.

[3] Christian Heroes in the Army and Navy. Lond. 1867, pp. 34-43.

entered on his office in April 1710. Professor Halyburton died on the 23d September 1712, at the age of thirty-eight.[1] His chief work, "The Great Concern of Salvation," has frequently been printed, and, with the works of Baxter, Bunyan, and Rutherfurd, has obtained a wide acceptance among the Scottish peasantry.

A younger son of Deacon Patrick Playfair of St. Andrews studied medicine, and practised as a physician at Dalkeith. By the credulous and gossiping Sir John Scot, he is, in his strictures on the noble family of Lothian, described as "a notable warlock," an appellative probably due to his medical skill.[2]

John Playfair, a nephew of Deacon Patrick Playfair of St. Andrews, rented the lands of Randolph-hill, and subsequently owned the estate of Cairney, in the parish of St. Madoes. In that parish he was, in 1593, and subsequently at the annual election, chosen to the eldership; and on his recommendation, his relative, Andrew Playfair, was in 1594 appointed parish schoolmaster. In the parish church his banns of marriage with Catherine Young were proclaimed on the 15th January 1592.[3] He married, secondly, Isobel Sharpe, who died 26th May 1606, when he presented to the Commissary Court at Edinburgh her testament-dative, in name of their son John, who was decerned as executor-dative; her "free gear" being valued at £296, 16s. 8d.[4]

[1] Fasti Eccl. Scot. vol. ii. p. 477.

[2] Scot's Staggering State of Scottish Statesmen, ed. 1872, p. 91.

[3] St. Madoes Parish Register.

[4] Edinb. Com. Reg. Testaments, vol. xliii.

John Playfair of Cairney died in 1615. In his will he names his three sons—John, Patrick, and Robert; and as "overseers," his brothers—Patrick Playfair in Cairney and Andrew Playfair in Kirktoun of Errol.[1]

On the 26th July 1617, Patrick Playfair in Cairney, uncle on the father's side to Patrick Playfair, son of the late John Playfair in Cairney, was served heir to his nephew, the said Patrick.[2]

John Playfair of Cairney, son of John Playfair and Isobel Sharpe, married Elspeth Anderson.

Peter Playfair, grandson of that "John Playfere" who occupied a farm in the earldom of Errol in 1463, rented the lands of Kirktoun in Errol. He married Helen Cluny, by whom he had two sons.

John, elder son, was baptised at Errol on Sabbath the 6th April 1578. Among the witnesses (described as "sureties") of the baptism is "John Plafeir in Carnye."[3]

Andrew, the younger son, was baptised at Errol on the 27th November 1579.[4] He was, on the 26th July 1596, "decernit" in the Commissary Court of St. Andrews as executor-dative to his father, who died intestate on the 13th December 1595, the free inventory of his father's "gear," consisting of farm produce and household goods, being valued at £120.[5]

[1] Edinb. Com. Reg. Testaments, vol. xliii., Oct. 7, 1615.

[2] Inquisitiones de Tutela, No. 259.

[3] Errol Parish Register. In the entry Peter Playfair is described as "agricola in the Kirktoun."

[4] Errol Parish Register. In this entry Peter Playfair is described as "fermorar in the Kirktoun."

[5] St. Andrews Com. Reg. Testaments, vol. iv., 28th August 1596.

Patrick Playfair, one of the sons of Andrew Playfair, son of Peter Playfair in Kirktoun of Errol, rented the farm of Mains of Errol. He married, and had two sons :—

Patrick, baptised 22d August 1644.

Thomas, baptised 25th March 1649.[1] He rented the lands of Balgay, in the parish of Kinnaird. By his wife, Margaret Mathieson, he had an only son—

Peter, who, on the 31st December 1713, obtained sasine of a tenement in Errol to himself in fee, and to his parents in liferent.[2]

Thomas Playfair, renter of Clashbennie, in Errol, and commemorated on a tombstone in the parish churchyard, with the date 1699, is now represented by his great-grandson, George G. Playfair, manufacturer, Wakefield.

James, brother of Thomas, renter of Clashbennie, settled in Fifeshire, and from him has descended Thomas Playfair, who, in 1885, was Mayor of Sydney, New South Wales.

Robert Playfair, renter of Cupar Grange, prior to 1649, was, it is believed, one of the sons of Andrew Playfair in Errol. He married Christian Ritchie, by whom he had three sons and two daughters :—

Janet, baptised 10th June 1649.

Agnes, baptised 25th September 1652.

John, baptised 17th April 1659.

Patrick, eldest son, baptised 29th January 1644, rented a portion of the land of Cupar Grange, and there died on

[1] Errol Parish Register.

[2] Perthshire Register of Sasines.

the 4th September 1698.[1] His tombstone in Bendochy churchyard is thus quaintly inscribed :—

> "His vertves life and actions have exprest
> That now in heaven his soul's at rest."

He married, first, Jean Baxter, by whom he had a son and daughter :—

Patrick, baptised 12th December 1673.

Margaret, baptised 1st December 1672; died in childhood.

Patrick Playfair, renter of Cupar Grange, married, secondly, Janet Donaldson, with issue four sons and five daughters :—

Isobel, baptised 10th September 1678, married Patrick Gellatly, renter of Cotyards, Bendochy.

Janet, born 1680.

Margaret (second of the name), born 1682; died young.

Beatrix, baptised 22d May 1689.

Margaret (third of the name), born 29th January 1695.

James, third son, baptised 3d February 1687.

John, eldest son, baptised 10th July 1684; rented the lands of Cupar Grange. By his wife, Jean Ure, he had four sons and five daughters :—

Isobel, married James Scott, farmer at Whitefield.

Elizabeth, married Patrick Bower, bookseller, St. Andrews.

Janet, married John Butter, farmer, Keith.

Christian, married William Harris, farmer, Millhill.

Helen, married John Alexander, merchant, Perth.

[1] Bendochy Parish Register.

Patrick, eldest son, baptised 23d May 1708, died in infancy.

Charles, baptised 23d September 1710, died in infancy.

James, baptised 6th November 1712, studied at St. Salvator's College, and graduated 4th May 1731. In May 1739 he went to Shetland as chaplain to the Laird of Busta, and was there, on the 6th September, licensed as a probationer. Returning to Perthshire in 1741, he was on the 23d March 1743 ordained minister of Benvie. In terms of a decreet of annexation, he, on the 19th November 1758, became minister of the united parishes of Liff and Benvie. He died on the 28th May 1772, in the thirty-first year of his ministry.[1] He married, first, Isobel Ure, without issue; secondly, 9th September 1746, Margaret Young, who died at Edinburgh 31st January 1805, aged eighty-five. Of the second marriage were born seven sons and two daughters:—

Margaret.

Barbara.

John, eldest son, born at Benvie 10th March 1748, studied at the University of St. Andrews. While still a student he was chosen by the Professor of Natural Philosophy, during an illness, to deliver his lectures. In 1765 he graduated in Arts, and in the following year became one of six competitors for the Mathematical chair in Marischal College. Though unsuccessful in the competition, he so highly distinguished himself as to establish a scientific reputation. Completing his theological studies,

[1] Fasti Eccl. Scot., pp. 740, 744.

he was licensed by the Presbytery of Dundee on the 3d October 1770, and, in succession to his father, was ordained minister of the united parishes of Liff and Benvie on the 30th June 1773. To the office of Joint-Professor of Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh he was inducted on the 21st May 1785; he, in 1805, exchanged this chair for that of Natural Philosophy in the same University. Professor Playfair died unmarried on the 19th July 1819. Illustrious as an expounder of mathematical and geological science, a monument to his memory has been raised on the Calton Hill of Edinburgh.

Robert, second son of the Rev. James Playfair and Margaret Young, married Margaret Macniven, with issue four sons and four daughters :—

James, died unmarried.

Robert, settled in London. By his wife, Elizabeth White, he had four sons and two daughters :—

(1) Albert, born 1824.

(2) William, born 1825; married Georgina Montague.

(3) Edward, born 1827.

(4) Henry, born 1830; married, but died without issue.

(1) Eliza, born 1834; married, first, W. Newton; secondly, S. Harris.

(2) Isabella, born 1837, married H. Vickers.

James, third son of the Rev. James Playfair, was an architect in London. He married Jessie Graham, by whom he had two sons and one daughter :—

James George, elder son, born about 1786, was M.D., and practised as a physician in Florence. He subsequently

resided at Ventnor, Isle of Wight; at Sevenoaks, Kent, and in the city of Edinburgh. Ultimately settling in London, he there died in 1857. He was unmarried.

William Henry, younger son, was born in Russell Square, London, in July 1789. Having completed a literary course at the University of Edinburgh, he devoted himself to architectural studies. Settling as an architect in Edinburgh, he has, in the words of Lord Cockburn, "rendered that city more indebted to him than to the taste of all other modern architects it has produced or employed." Confining himself to two styles—the earlier and severer Grecian,—and the latest stage of the English Gothic, to which the terms Tudor and Elizabethan are usually applied, he has illustrated these in a tone of high polish. He advantageously modified Adams' design of the Edinburgh College, and designed the Free Church College with its cathedral towers. In classical architecture he reared the Surgeons' Hall, the National Gallery, and the Royal Institution. In St. Stephen's Church he has accommodated the exigencies of classic art to the peculiarities of a difficult site. In Donaldson's Hospital, his greatest triumph, he has brought out the true capacities of the Tudor style, and developed its forms with a beauty and completeness which the English architects of the fifteenth century failed to accomplish. Mr. Playfair died at Edinburgh on the 19th March 1857, at the age of sixty-eight.

Emma, daughter of James Playfair and Jessie Graham, resided in Edinburgh, and died unmarried.

William, fourth son of the Rev. James Playfair, was born 1759. A mechanical engineer, he was employed in the works of the celebrated James Watt. Subsequently he prosecuted the mechanical arts at London and Paris, and became advantageously known by the number and utility of his inventions. At Paris he held the editorship of *Galignani's Messenger*. Latterly he resided in London, and acquired distinction as a statistical writer. Among his more important literary undertakings is his "British Family History," in five quarto volumes. He died on the 11th February 1823, at the age of sixty-four. He married, and had two sons and three daughters :—

John.
Andrew.
Betsy.
Zenobia.
Louisa.

Andrew, fifth and youngest son of the Rev. James Playfair, settled in London, and there died without issue.

John, third son of John Playfair and Jean Ure, was born in 1714; he rented Nether Cupar Grange. By his wife, Catherine Moncur, he had issue three sons and seven daughters :—

James, born 1742, settled in Aberdeen. He married Mary Thomson, and had issue two sons and three daughters :—

(1) John, born 1766.

(2) David, born 1767; married, with issue three sons :—

Alexander, born 1797, married Jane Kilgour, with issue two sons and three daughters :—

(1) David, born 1830, married Ann Sim, with issue two sons and three daughters : Alexander, born 1860 ; David, born 1864 ; Mary, born 1853, married D. Mackay ; Jane, born 1855 ; Eleanor, born 1861 ; Agnes, born 1872.

(2) Charles, born 1836, married Jane Simpson, with issue a son, Charles, born 1872.

Margaret, born 1833, married William Cruikshank.

Sarah, born 1840, married William Smith.

Janet, born 1843.

Charles, second son of David Playfair, born 1799, married, first, Mary Sanderson, with issue—

Charles, born 1823, married Louisa Bentley, with issue—

(1) Charles, born 1865.

(2) Louisa, born 1858.

(3) Helen, born 1863.

(4) Kate, born 1868.

Charles Playfair (son of David) married, secondly, Margaret Smith, by whom he had—

Robert, born 1829, died unmarried.

George, born 1831, married Elizabeth Bruce, without issue.

He married, thirdly, J—— Thomson, by whom he had a daughter, Charlotte, born 1871.

John, third son of David Playfair, born 1801, married S—— Tredwell, but died without issue.

James Playfair's three daughters, by his wife, Mary Thomson, were—

Anne, born 1769.

Margaret, born 1771.

Mary, born 1774.

Patrick, second son of John Playfair and Catherine Moncur, was baptised 2d September 1750.

John, third son, baptised 19th May 1764, married Jane Watson.

Margaret, eldest daughter of John Playfair, born 1745, married —— Nasmyth, Edinburgh.

Isobel, baptised 20th December 1748, married Samuel Hanna, Dundee.

Grizel, baptised 16th August 1752.

Sophia, born 1758, married Robert Mitchell, Muirhead.

Elizabeth, } twins, born 30th May 1762.
Jean, }

Catherine, baptised 5th January 1766, married James Neish, Officer of Customs at Dundee, with issue a son and daughter, John and Katherine Sophia, twins.

David, fourth son of Patrick Playfair, renter of Cupar Grange (by his second wife, Janet Donaldson), married, 21st December 1717, Anne Donaldson, of the parish of Bendochy, with issue three sons and three daughters :—

Janet, baptised 10th February 1719.

Isobel, baptised 15th March 1727, married William Kirkaldy.

Margaret, baptised 7th December 1729, married John Bower, Glen Ogilvy.

James, eldest son, baptised 4th December 1720.

Patrick, third son.

John, second son, baptised 2d May 1723, rented the farm of West Cupar Grange. He married, 23d August 1751, Sophia, fifth daughter of William Roger, renter of Cupar Grange, with issue four sons and six daughters :—

Anne, eldest daughter, baptised 28th February 1753, married, 20th December 1774, Thomas Myles, merchant, Perth, by whom she had three sons, John, Robert, and Thomas. John, the eldest son, a merchant, married Margaret, daughter of the Rev. Alexander Blythe, minister of the Associate Church, Kinclaven, with issue three sons and a daughter : Alexander, died 7th April 1873 ; Thomas, ordained, in 1844, minister of Aberlemno, Forfarshire, author of "The Kernel of the Controversy ;" John, married, 7th June 1853, Anne Crammond Whitson, with issue four sons and four daughters ; Margaret.

Janet, second daughter, born in 1756.

Isobel, third daughter, born in 1759.

Sophia, fourth daughter, baptised 17th January 1762.

Jean, fifth daughter, baptised 1st August 1767, married Peter Grant, and had several children, who all died young.

Margaret, sixth daughter baptised 7th April 1771, married Robert Davidson, farmer, Tealing, by whom she had a daughter, who married Thomas Mudie, with issue.

William, eldest son of John Playfair and Sophia Roger, baptised 16th February 1755, died young.

John, second son, born in 1763, was a merchant in Perth. He married Margaret Henderson, and died in 1833 without issue.

James, fourth and youngest son, baptised 12th March 1769, died young.

Patrick, third son of John Playfair and Sophia Roger, was baptised 13th September 1765. A merchant in Antigua, he acquired wealth, and, purchasing the estate of Dalmarnock, near Glasgow, there settled. He died 26th November 1836. He married, 4th February 1802, Jean, second daughter of Dr. James Playfair, Principal of the United College, St. Andrews (she died 24th November 1852), with issue five sons and five daughters :—

(1) James, born 1806, died, unmarried, 22d February 1866.

(2) John, born 1810, died in infancy.

(3) John, born 1813, died young.

(4) Patrick, born 5th August 1814, was for many years the principal partner of a leading West India house in Glasgow; he also established a large business with Calcutta as a merchant and shipowner. Retiring from business in 1875, he purchased the estate of Ardmillan in the county of Ayr. As a citizen of Glasgow, he was elected chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and twice served the office of Lord Dean of Guild. For many years a Director of the South-Western Railway, he was ultimately elected as Deputy-Chairman. A zealous office-bearer of the Free Church, he largely contributed to her schemes. He died

on the 21st November 1879. He married, 15th August 1848, Georgiana, daughter of John Muir, merchant, Glasgow, with issue six sons and three daughters :—

(1) Patrick, merchant, Calcutta, unmarried.
(2) John Muir.
(3) David James.
(4) Hugh Lyon, died in 1885.
(5) Albert Alexander, died 1885.
(6) Walter.
(1) Elizabeth, married to R. Laidlaw, physician, with issue.
(2) Jane Isabella.
(3) Anna Mary.

(5) David, fifth son of Patrick Playfair of Dalmarnock, was educated at the Universities of Glasgow and Cambridge. In 1843 he was ordained minister of Abercorn, which charge he resigned in October 1880. He died at Edinburgh 11th August 1886. He married, in 1854, Jane Kincaid, daughter of James Pitcairn, M.D., with issue two sons and three daughters :—

David Thomson, the elder son, studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, also in France and Germany. He is M.B., C.M. of the University of Edinburgh, also a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, and of the Royal College of Physicians. He practises medicine at Bromley in Kent. He married, 26th October 1882, Catherine Macdonald, of Birkenhead.

Patrick Macdonald, younger son, was, in 1886, ordained minister of Glencairn, Dumfriesshire.

Cecilia Pitcairn, eldest daughter, married, 15th September 1885, the Rev. William Vassie, B.D., minister of Castleton.

Mary Jemima Jane, second daughter, died in infancy.

Alice Jane Macduff, third daughter, is unmarried.

Margaret, eldest daughter of Patrick Playfair, born 1803, married, 27th April 1831, the Rev. Charles Jobson Lyon, presbyter of the Episcopal Church, St. Andrews, and author of a "History of St. Andrews." She died 23d January 1881, leaving three sons and two daughters—Hugh Playfair, married Mrs. Knight, a widow, with issue a daughter, Florence; James Tennant, married —— Collier, with issue two sons, Leopold and James, and two daughters, Christina and Carlotta; George Owen; Jane Macdonald; Margaret Anne, married the Rev. William Lee.

Sophia, second daughter, born 1805, married, 1st October 1834, the Rev. James Chrystal, D.D., ordained minister of Auchinleck in 1833, and elected in 1879 Moderator of the General Assembly,—with issue six sons and two daughters:—

(1) William, born 30th July 1835, died 12th April 1845.

(2) Patrick, born 28th June 1838, died at Bombay 17th June 1885. Married Helen Blair, daughter of the Rev. John Yair, minister of Eckford, with issue two sons:—

James Patrick, born 14th October 1870.

William Yair, born 2d March 1875.

(3) James Robert, born 6th October 1839. B.D. of the University of St. Andrews, he was ordained minister of Cults, Fifeshire, in 1864, and in 1878 was translated to Coltness. In 1886 he resigned his charge, consequent on his dissenting from the teaching of the Church in the matter of infant baptism. He married, 15th June 1871, Margaret Sophia, eldest daughter of Major-General Riddell, C.B., and of Margaret Wilkie, his wife, niece of Sir David Wilkie, the celebrated painter. He has issue—

James William, born 15th January 1875.

Walter Riddell, born 25th December 1876.

Robert Patrick, born 23d May 1878.

John Playfair, born 25th April 1880.

William Carre, born 28th July 1882.

Alice Margaret Wilkie, born 21st March 1872.

(4) Andrew, fourth son of Rev. Dr. Chrystal and Sophia Playfair, born 19th January 1841, died at Hamilton, Ontario, on the 16th February 1885. He married Eliza Finlay, with issue—

Sophia Playfair, born 14th June 1865.

Eliza, born 14th December 1869.

(5) David, born 17th September 1843, died 21st June 1857.

(6) John Smith, born 12th October 1845, is a merchant in India.

(1) Jane Playfair, born 12th February 1837, died 29th November 1884.

(2) Sophia Anne, born 3d June 1847, married the Rev. Pearson M'Adam Muir (son of the Rev. John Muir, minister

of Kirkmabreck), minister of Morningside, Edinburgh, with issue—

John Joseph Johnston, born 12th September 1874.
James Chrystal, born 10th November 1876.
Sophia Playfair, born 15th December 1872.
Gloriana Margaret, born 13th June 1880.
Jane Playfair Chrystal, born 5th February 1882.

Mary, third daughter of Patrick Playfair of Dalmarnock, born 1808, married, 23d July 1839, the Rev. Patrick Fairbairn, D.D., Principal of the Free Church College, Glasgow, and author of various theological works. He died 6th August 1874. Mrs. Fairbairn died 9th December 1852, leaving two sons and two daughters :—

Patrick, elder son, is a merchant in Demerara. He married, 12th July 1866, Jane Margaret Mactaggert, with issue four sons, Patrick, Charles (died young), Thomas, and John ; also four daughters, Mary, Jane, Helen, and Frances.

Thomas Pitcairn, younger son, died young.

Jane, elder daughter, died young.

Mary Anne, younger daughter, married, 19th April 1877, Alexander Guthrie, son of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Guthrie of Edinburgh, merchant in Liverpool, with issue three sons—Thomas, Ernest Fairbairn, and Alexander Gordon ; also two daughters, Frances and Helen.

Anne, fourth daughter of Patrick Playfair, born 1812, died in 1879 unmarried.

Jane Hugh, fifth daughter, born 1818, died in 1879 unmarried.

James Playfair, second son of Robert Playfair, farmer, Cupar Grange, by his wife Christian Ritchie, was baptised 29th November 1646. Renting the farm of Couttie in the parish of Bendochy, he married Janet Pennycook (who died 26th November 1703), with issue four sons and four daughters :—

(1) Isobel, eldest daughter, baptised 3d August 1681, died in infancy.

(2) Isobel (second of the name), baptised 2d February 1686, married James Miller, Knowhead of Bendochy.

(3) Margaret, baptised 21st March 1690, married George Constable.

(4) Janet, married William Roger, farmer in Auchtertyre.

(1) James, eldest son, baptised 21st June 1676, died in infancy.

(2) Patrick, baptised 23d December 1677, rented a farm in the parish of Bendochy. He married, 14th March 1704, Katherine, daughter of John Wright, renter in Parkhead, Blairgowrie, with issue one son and three daughters :—

James, baptised 28th January 1707.

Janet, baptised 6th February 1709, married John Blair, Glammis.

Isobel, baptised 3d December 1711, married Simon Dunoon.

Anna, baptised 28th March 1714.

(4) William, fourth and youngest son of James Playfair, was born in 1693.

(3) James, third son (second of the name), baptised 26th November 1679, rented the farm of Couttie in the

parish of Bendochy. He married, 1st April 1709, Janet Roger, with issue six sons and five daughters :—

(1) Catherine, eldest daughter, a twin with her brother James, was born in 1712.

(2) Barbara, born 1714.

(3) Margaret, born 1716.

(4) Isobel, baptised 19th May 1723.

(5) Janet, baptised 21st August 1726.

(2) James, second son, twin with his sister Catherine, born 1712, died unmarried.

(3) Patrick, third son, baptised 20th May 1717, married Ann Cathcart, and died without issue.

(4) William, fourth son, was baptised 8th June 1718, and died unmarried.

(6) John Playfair, sixth and youngest son, baptised 5th February 1732, died 16th March 1762.[1]

(1) George Playfair, eldest son of James Playfair and Janet Roger, born in 1710, rented the farm of West Bendochy, and there died on the 3d April 1786. He married, 5th March 1736, his cousin, Jean, eldest daughter of William Roger, renter of Northern Cupar Grange (she died at St. Andrews in 1804, aged ninety-three), and of the marriage were born two sons, William and James.

William, baptised 7th December 1736, died young.

James, born 19th December 1738. Having studied for the Church, he was, on the 1st November 1770, ordained minister of Newtyle, and on the 19th June 1777 was translated to Meigle. He received the degree of D.D.

[1] Tombstone in Bendochy churchyard.

from the University of St. Andrews 2d July 1779, and was repeatedly invited to preside as moderator of the General Assembly—an honour which he persistently declined. On the 20th August 1800 he was appointed Principal of the United College, St. Andrews. He published in 1784 a "System of Chronology," in large folio, and in 1808-14 a "System of Geography," in six quarto volumes, and a "Statistical Description of Scotland," in two octavo volumes. He died on the 26th May 1819, in his eighty-first year, and the forty-ninth of his ministry. He held the honorary office of Historiographer to the Prince of Wales.

Principal Playfair married, 30th September 1773, Margaret, elder daughter of the Rev. George Lyon, of Wester Ogle, in the county of Forfar, and minister of Longforgan; she died at St. Andrews 4th November 1831, aged eighty-six.

A member of the ancient house of de Leonne in France, attended William of Normandy in his conquest of England. His son, Roger de Leonne, accompanied King Edgar, son of Malcolm Canmore, to Scotland about 1091, and in guerdon of his services against Donald Bane, the usurper, received lands in Perthshire, which were consequently named Glen Lyon. From him descended Sir John Lyon, who, about 1342, had a charter of the lands of Forteviot, in Perthshire, and of Curteston and others, in the county of Aberdeen. His son John, a man of superior abilities, was Chamberlain of Scotland, and in reward of service received from Robert II., in 1372, the thanedom of Glamis. In 1376 he married the King's second daughter, Jean Stewart, receiving with her the barony of Kinghorn. The

grandson of Sir John Lyon and of the Princess Jean was, before 1450, raised to the peerage as Lord Glamis. By his first and second sons were perpetuated the family honours. William, his third son, received the lands of Ogle, in the county of Forfar; his descendant, George Lyon of Wester Ogle, had a son, William, who in 1700 was admitted minister of Airlie. He died in 1743, leaving a son, George, who in 1738 was admitted to the ministry at Longforgan. George succeeded to the paternal estate, and died in 1793. He married as his second wife, 16th June 1744, Margaret Roger (who died 9th April 1793), with issue, James, D.D., minister of Glamis, and two other sons; also two daughters, of whom Margaret, the elder, became wife of Principal Playfair.[1]

Of the marriage of Principal Playfair and Margaret Lyon were born five sons and four daughters:—

George, eldest son, was born at Meigle on the 4th January 1782. Educated at the Universities of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, he entered the medical service of the East India Company on the Bengal Establishment, and attained the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals. He died 26th November 1846. He married, 8th November 1814, Janet, daughter of John Ross, Edinburgh (born 16th April 1795, died 13th April 1862), with issue five sons and four daughters:—

(1) George Ranken, born 13th November 1816. As a physician he entered the medical service of the East India Company, and attained the rank of Surgeon-General. He

[1] Fasti Eccl. Scot., vol. iii. pp. 716, 738.

died on 4th October 1881. He married, 30th October 1849, Fanny, daughter of General Home (born 29th December 1829), with issue two sons:—

George Macdonald Home, born in 1850. Entered China Consular Service 1872. He married, 21st January 1883, Winifred Mary Fraser, without surviving issue.

Lyon Macdonald, born in 1853. Has settled in Australia. Married Amelia Sedgwick, with issue two sons.

(2) Lyon, second son, was born at Meerut, Bengal, 21st May 1819. Educated at the University of St. Andrews, he at a very early age devoted himself to chemical studies. In 1834 he studied chemistry under Professor Thomas Graham at the Andersonian University, Glasgow; and after a period spent in India, he rejoined his friend Graham, then Professor to the London University. In 1838 he commenced the systematic study of organic chemistry under Professor Liebeg at Giessen, and became qualified for the Professorship of Chemistry in the Royal Institution, Manchester, to which he was elected in 1843. In the following year he was appointed one of the Sanitary Commissioners, and in recognition of his important services was, by Sir Robert Peel, appointed chemist to the Museum of Practical Geology. In connection with the Great Exhibition of 1851 he was appointed to visit the manufacturing centres. He also held office as Special Commissioner of the department of Juries, and had conferred upon him the decoration of C.B. in recognition of his services. At the Exhibition of 1862 he was intrusted with the appointment

of jurors—these consisting of upwards of six hundred eminent persons of all the countries of Europe. In 1853 he was appointed Joint-Secretary of the Department of Science and Art, and in 1856 was nominated Inspector-General of Government Museums. In 1858 he was appointed Professor of Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh, an office which he held till 1868, when he was elected M.P. for the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews. In 1873 he was appointed Postmaster-General, and honoured with a seat in the Privy Council. From 1880 to 1883 he served as Chairman of Committees in the House of Commons. In 1885 he was Vice-President of the Council. After representing the Universities for seventeen years, he retired from the constituency, and was thereafter, at the general election in November 1885, returned as M.P. for South Leeds. By the same constituency he was again returned at the general election of 1886.

In 1884 Dr. Lyon Playfair was created a Knight Commander of the Bath. He is Commander of the Legion of Honour, and of the Austrian Order of Francis Joseph, Knight of the Portuguese Order of the Conception, Knight of the Swedish Order of the Northern Star, and Knight of Würtemberg. In 1840 he graduated Ph.D. of the University of Giessen, in 1865 was created LL.D. of St. Andrews, and in 1869 LL.D. of the University of Edinburgh. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, and in 1857 was chosen President of the Chemical Society of London. He has served on a large number of Royal Commissions, either as member or as President, and has

published numerous scientific papers as well as addresses on educational subjects.

Sir Lyon married, first, in 1844, Marjory, daughter of James Oakes, of Riddings House, Derbyshire, with issue a son and a daughter.

George James, Major, R.A., married Lucy Mathews, with issue a daughter, Lucy, born 1877.

Jessie, married Captain Edmund Peel, of the 14th Hussars (who died in June 1885), with issue a daughter.

Sir Lyon married, secondly, 17th December 1857, Jean Ann, daughter of Crawley Millington, of Crawley House (she died in 1877), with issue two daughters.

Jean Millington, died in infancy.

Ethel Mary Lyon, married, 26th June 1886, Major Blomfield, late of the Inniskilling Dragoons.

Sir Lyon married, thirdly, in 1878, Edith, daughter of Samuel H. Russell, of Boston, Massachusetts, without issue.

(3) Robert Lambert, third son of Dr. George Playfair, was born in 1828. Having studied at Addiscombe, he in 1846 joined the Madras Artillery. In March 1852 he was appointed Assistant Executive Engineer at Aden, and, in July 1854, Assistant Political Resident at Aden, under Sir James Outram and Sir William Coghlan, acting as Political Resident during the absence of the latter, from April 1860 till April 1862. He was appointed in December 1862, Political Agent at Zanzibar, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and in January 1867 was named Consul-General for Algeria. In March 1885 he was promoted as Consul-General for Algeria and Tunis. On 29th May

1886 he was created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Zoological Society, also Corresponding Member of the Oriental Society of Germany, of the Academy of National Science, Philadelphia, and of the Boston Society of Natural History. He is author of a "History of Arabia Felix," "The Fishes of Zanzibar" (conjointly with Dr. Günther of the British Museum), "Murray's Handbook to Algeria and Tunis," and "Murray's Handbook to the Mediterranean." He has also published "Travels in the Footsteps of Bruce in Algeria and Tunis," and "The Scourge of Christendom; or, History of British Relations with Algiers prior to the French Conquest." He married, in 1851, Agnes Ranken, third daughter of Major-General Thomas Webster of Balgarvie, Fifeshire, with issue five sons and two daughters :—

George Frank, born 4th April 1857.

Harry, born 22d February 1860.

Arthur Lambert, born 9th June 1866.

Alan, born 15th June 1868.

Ernest, born 25th July 1871.

Agnes Mary, born 21st February 1853.

Nora, born 21st August 1863, married, 28th April 1886, George William Crawford, son of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Crawford, Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, Vice-Consul at Algiers.

(4) William Smoult, fourth son, born 27th July 1836, was sometime a Surgeon in H. M. Indian Army, and officiating Professor of Surgery in the Medical College

Hospital, Calcutta, and is now Professor of Obstetric Medicine in King's College, London. He is Physician-Accoucheur to H.I. and R.H. the Duchess of Edinburgh, and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught; also Examiner in Midwifery to the University of London and to the Royal College of Physicians. Ex-President of the Obstetrical Society of London, and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, he is M.D. of the University of Edinburgh, and LL.D. of the University of St. Andrews. Dr. Playfair has published a "Treatise on the Science and Practice of Midwifery," in two volumes, also a work on "The Systematic Treatment of Nerve Prostration and Hysteria," and has extensively contributed to the medical journals. He married, 26th April 1864, Emily, daughter of James Kitson, of Elmete Hall, Leeds, with issue three sons and three daughters :—

James Macdonald, born 18th September, died 30th September 1866.

Wilfred James, born 24th August 1867, died 14th June 1873.

Nigel Ross, born 1st July 1874.

Edith Octavia, born 9th March 1865.

Lilias Emily, born 12th January 1871.

Audrey Agnes Mary, born 13th February 1876.

(5) James Octavius, fifth son of Dr. George Playfair, born 1839, was an officer in the Royal Engineers. He died 19th August 1864. Was married, but without issue.

Anne, eldest daughter of Dr. George Playfair, born 12th

July 1819, married Captain Hickey of the Bengal Cavalry; she died 6th October 1861, leaving a daughter, Louisa, who married Captain H. Dempster, R.A.

Janet Macdonald, born 15th November 1821. She married Colonel Henry Weston of West Horsley Place, Sussex, with issue George, Colonel R.A., and Edward and Henry, both in South America.

Agnes Isabella, born 30th January 1824, died unmarried 18th January 1871.

Jane, born 1837, died in infancy.

William Davidson, second son of Principal Playfair, was born at Meigle on the 23d September 1783. Entering the Indian army in 1803, he was in 1809, while adjutant of the old 8th Bengal Native Infantry, appointed Paymaster-General of the troops sent from Calcutta and Madras to capture the Isle of France. He was subsequently employed in the Nepaul campaign against the Goorkas. Among other important staff appointments, he was for many years Superintendent on the Grand Trunk Road from Calcutta to the North-West. Latterly he commanded as Lieutenant-Colonel the old 62d Native Infantry. In 1830 he retired from active service, establishing his residence at St. Andrews, Fifeshire. He died on the 31st January 1852. Colonel Playfair married at Calcutta, on the 3d November 1812, Anne, daughter of John Ross, Edinburgh (she died 26th April 1858), with issue nine sons and four daughters:—

George, born 13th January 1814, died in infancy.

James, born 12th December 1817, died in 1846. A merchant in Canada, he married Margaret, daughter of David Morgan, banker, Kirkcaldy (who married, secondly, Major Chiene), and of the marriage were born two sons: (1) William, a major in the army, who has by his wife, Margaret Barlow, a son, Percy, born 1880; (2) James, who settled in America.

William Macdonald, third son, born 14th October 1821, died in childhood.

John, fourth son, born 2d April 1824, died in childhood.

William George, fifth son, born 22d April 1825, died in childhood.

George William, sixth son, born 27th August 1826. Entering the army, he was attached to the Madras Staff Corps, and attained the rank of colonel. He died 26th November 1875. He married, in 1851, Helen Margaret, daughter of Charles Grace, Town-clerk of St. Andrews, descended from the family of Grace in Queen's County, Ireland, and of the marriage were born three sons and two daughters:—

(1) George William Forbes, born 6th February 1852, is manager of the New Oriental Bank at Yokohama.

(2) Charles Stuart Macdonald, born 19th October 1861, is B.A. Oxon., and Assistant Curate of Buckingham.

(3) Arthur Grace, born 10th April 1865, of the New Inn Hall, Oxford.

(1) Margaret Forbes, born 18th March 1855.

(2) Alice Clara, born 20th April 1860.

Elliot Minto, seventh son of Colonel W. D. Playfair, born 6th September 1828, is Major-General R.A. He married Christina Frances Wade, with issue six sons and two daughters—

(1) Frank William Walter, born 1858, of the Consular Service, Japan.

(2) Henry Alexander, born 1860, of the Indian Civil Service.

(3) Elliot, born 1861, died in infancy.

(4) Everard Milman, born 1862, is a coffee-planter in India.

(5) Herbert Macleod, born 1864, a merchant in Australia.

(6) Norman Ernest, born 1867.

(1) Norah, born 1857, died in infancy.

(2) Ethel, born 1868, died in infancy.

William, eighth son of Colonel W. D. Playfair, born 23d September 1831, is Major-General in the Indian army. He married Henrietta Cracroft, with issue—

(1) Stuart, born 1860, died in infancy.

(2) Herbert George, born 1862, is in the Bank of British Columbia, Victoria.

(3) Raymond William, born 1866, in the Clydesdale Bank, Edinburgh.

Robert Haldane, ninth son of Colonel W. D. Playfair, born 14th October 1835, died 3d January 1865.

Margaret Lyon, eldest daughter, born 27th November 1816, died 1835.

Anne Ross, second daughter, born 15th October 1819, died 26th November 1852. Married J. Cowper, M.D., with issue a daughter, Anne, married to Dr. Lowe, physician, Cupar-Angus.

Jessie Ranken, third daughter, born 7th March 1823, died 15th September 1879. She married, 9th April 1846, Stuart Grace, Town-Clerk of St. Andrews, with issue one son and four daughters—

Charles Stuart, is a Writer to the Signet; married in 1885 Ella Mary, daughter of William Francis Lindesay, coffee-planter, Ceylon.

Annie, died 2d June 1865.

Jessie Alice, married Thomas William Holcroft, solicitor, Sevenoaks, Kent; issue a son, Lucius, and a daughter, Annie.

Williamina Playfair, married, 24th January 1872, Alexander Geekie; issue three sons, Alexander William, Stuart Grace, and Robert Charles.

Helen Jane, married in 1885 Henry Kermack, advocate, Edinburgh; issue a son, William Ramsay.

Charlotte Margaret.

Jane Helen, fourth daughter of Colonel W. D. Playfair, born 22d November 1832; married Dr. James Grant; died 22d March 1856.

Hugh Lyon, third son of Principal Playfair, was born at Meigle, 17th November 1786. Having studied at the University of St. Andrews, he, as a cadet of artillery, proceeded to Woolwich in 1804, and in the following year sailed

for India. In 1807 he was appointed to the command of the artillery at Bareilly, and in 1809 was preferred as adjutant and quartermaster to the corps of Horse Artillery. In 1814 he was engaged in the storming and capture of the fortress of Ralunga. After a three years' furlough spent in Europe, he returned to India in 1820, when he was appointed superintendent of the great military road between Calcutta and Benares. In 1827 he was promoted as Major, and appointed to the command of the 4th Battalion of Artillery at Dumdum. In February 1834 he retired from military service—thereafter establishing his residence at St. Andrews. Elected Provost of that burgh on the 4th November 1842, he devoted his powerful energies towards the restoration of the place. His important services were duly acknowledged both by the citizens and the general public. By the University he was created LL.D., and at a public entertainment was presented with his portrait. In 1856 he received the honour of knighthood. Sir Hugh died at St. Leonards, St. Andrews, on the 21st January 1861. He married, 7th March 1820, Jane, daughter of William Dalgleish of Scotscraig (born 14th June 1798; died 24th March 1872), and of the marriage were born six sons and seven daughters:—

William Dalgleish, born 11th February 1821, Lieutenant of the 33d Regiment Bengal Native Infantry; killed at the battle of Sobraon, 10th February 1846.

Hugh Arthur, born 9th August 1825, Ensign in Indian army, was killed at the battle of Moultan, 31st December 1848.

Frederick Lyon, born 29th December 1830, is a retired Lieutenant-Colonel of the Madras Army; married, 4th September 1855, Margaret Farnie, South Leith (she died 8th April 1873), with issue three sons and four daughters:—

(1) Hugh, born 1856; married Catherine Teare, with issue a daughter, Marguerite Vere.

(2) Frederick Lyon, born 1864, is a Lieutenant R.A.

(3) Charles Murray, born 1873.

(1) Eva, born 1859.

(2) Constance, born 1860, married George Edward Watson, chartered accountant, Edinburgh, with issue a daughter, Jane Noel Constance.

(3) Mabel, born 1865.

(4) Alice, born 1870.

Henry Macdonald, born 23d May 1833, married, 14th April 1870, Catherine Spence, Dysart, and died without issue, 1st April 1873.

Robert Edward, twin with Archibald, born 30th November 1838, died 4th June 1855.

Archibald Lewis, twin with Robert Edward, born 30th November 1838, married, 1st June 1861, Isabella Orr (who died 22d April 1884), with issue four sons and a daughter:—

(1) Frederick Hope Grant, born 19th January 1863, is lieutenant in the 37th Hampshire Regiment.

(2) Hugh James Moore, born 24th June 1864.

(3) Charles Henry Maitland, born 26th February 1867, died in infancy.

(4) Arthur Wyndham Spedding, born 20th October 1869.

(5) Jane Julia, born 9th June 1868.

Archibald Lewis Playfair married, secondly, 9th December 1885, Janetta Henrietta Maitland.

Margaret Adelaide, eldest daughter of Sir Hugh Playfair, born 26th February 1822, died 10th January 1848. She married, 1st September 1846, Captain Charles Grant M'Kechnie, 93d Regiment; issue a son—

Charles William Macdonald, now in Toronto.

Jane Julia, born 27th October 1823, married, 11th December 1855, Gregor M'Gregor, manager of the Bank of Scotland, St. Andrews, who died 22d December 1885.

Eliza Ogilvy, born 25th December 1826, died 9th July 1827.

Mary Bayne, born 26th May 1828, died 23d August 1886. She married, 29th March 1853, Charles Wilson Murray, merchant in Hong-Kong, who died 15th August 1873, with issue—Jane Anne, who married, 6th June 1876, William Gibson Bloxsom, Edinburgh, and died 24th April 1878; also Edith Ellen, and Sarah Frances.

Helen Macdonald, born 24th August 1829, died 9th October 1830.

Fanny Makgill, born 25th March 1837, married, 24th December 1862, William Lees, A.M., Edinburgh.

Emma Louisa, born 19th April 1843, died 6th February 1871.

James Lyon, fourth son of Principal Playfair, born 8th February 1789, died in infancy.

James (*secundus*), fifth son of Principal Playfair, born at Meigle 12th August 1791. Engaging in merchandise in Glasgow, he sometime held office as a magistrate in that city; he died in 1866. He married, first, 17th July 1821, Jane Speirs; secondly, Mary Somerville. Of the first marriage were born three sons and one daughter:—

(1) James, born 15th February 1824, died unmarried.

(2) John Speirs, born 26th June 1826. A merchant in Toronto, he married, first, 9th September 1852, Georgiana Hall, with issue—

- James, born 1860.
- Mary Helen, born 30th June 1853, married Professor John Campbell of Montreal.
- Louisa Jane, born 28th November 1855, married Robert B. Bryce, Glasgow.
- Sarah Adelaide, born 12th October 1858, married George T. Alexander, Toronto.
- Bertha Macdonald, born 27th October 1863.

He married, secondly, 5th May 1869, Annie Bostwick, with issue—

- Norman Lyon, born 28th November 1870.
- Stuart Bryce, born 26th July 1877.
- Edith Margaret, born 14th January 1872.

(3) George Macdonald, born 4th September 1829. A merchant in Glasgow, he married, first, in 1854, Helen Francis Campbell, with issue—

James Edward, born 1855.

Arthur Campbell, born 1859, married, in 1885, Bessie, daughter of Rev. T. Slater, Georgetown, Demerara.

George Ewart, born 1866; deceased.

Ernest Lyon, born 1868.

Helen Frances, born 1857; deceased.

Edith Jane, born 1861.

Caroline Macdonald, born 1863.

Margaret Alice, born 1869.

Ethel Cunningham, born 1875.

He married, secondly, in 1885, Edith Ellen Whiteley.

Margaret Cunningham, only daughter of James Playfair and Jane Speirs, was born 11th August 1833. She married, 21st April 1857, the Rev. William Fraser, third son of John Fraser, of Inverness. Mr. Fraser was ordained to the Free Church, Gourock, in 1850. From thence he was, in 1863, translated to Free St. Bernard's, Edinburgh; and, in 1880, to the Queen's Road Presbyterian Church, Brighton. To them were born five daughters:—

(1) Jane Speirs Playfair, born 11th June 1858, married, 28th September 1886, Alexander Robert Coldstream, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., of Florence, Italy.

(2) Lily Gordon, born 26th August 1860; deceased.

(3) Margaret Evangeline, born 29th February 1864.

(4) Florence Grace, born 19th November 1866.
(5) Selina Torrance, born 4th June 1870.

Of Principal Playfair's five daughters—

Margaret, baptised at Newtyle, Forfarshire, 28th October 1775, died young.

Jean, baptised at Newtyle 22d April 1777, married, 4th February 1802, Patrick Playfair of Dalmarnock (see *supra*).

Janet, born at Meigle 24th August 1778, married the Rev. James Macdonald, minister of Anstruther-Wester; she died, without issue, 20th October 1864.

Maria Lyon, baptised at Meigle 3d April 1780, married, 14th May 1808, General David Campbell of Williamston, Perthshire; she died in 1810, leaving one son, James David Lyon Campbell of Williamston. He married Alicia Richarda Houghton, with issue—Charles Henry, George Lyon, a Colonel in the Army, and Arthur.

Elizabeth, fifth and youngest daughter, born at Meigle 18th April 1785, married, 23d January 1810, Samuel Caw, merchant, Glasgow, with issue—John, and James, an artist.

Charles, fifth son of James Playfair and Janet Roger, renter of Couttie, was baptised 26th April 1721, and died 7th May 1798. He married, 3d July 1750, Catherine Henderson, only daughter of —— Henderson of Midderry, parish of Alyth, with issue ten sons and two daughters.

Margaret, elder daughter, married John Hill, younger of Cotton, in the parish of Glenisla, with issue three sons and two daughters :—

John, eldest son, born 3d December 1797, succeeded his grandfather in the estate of Cotton, and died, unmarried, in 1847.

Charles, born 19th April 1799, died young.

David, born in 1801, succeeded to the estate of Cotton. He died unmarried in 1860.

Catherine, elder daughter, died young.

Anne, younger daughter, born in 1798, married James Thomas, solicitor, Perth; she died in 1840, leaving three sons and two daughters.

Catherine, younger daughter of Charles Playfair and Catherine Henderson, married John Clarke, farmer, Balbrogie, with issue.

James Playfair, eldest son of Charles Playfair in Couttie, was baptised 3d May 1752. Licensed by the Presbytery of Meigle, 6th August 1777, he was, on the 21st July 1785, ordained to the pastoral charge of Bendochy. Devoted to the study of natural history, he composed a work on the culture and management of bees, which was unhappily destroyed by fire in the printing-office. He married, in 1789, Grizel, daughter of the Rev. Patrick Duncan, minister of Tibbermuir, with issue four sons; also a daughter, Catherine. He died on the 22d April 1812, at the age of sixty.

Catherine, only daughter, was baptised 19th December 1790; she died in infancy.

Patrick, eldest son, was baptised 10th October 1793. A probationer of the Church, he died unmarried.

Charles, second son, was baptised 19th June 1795; he emigrated to America, and there died.

James, third son, born 21st October 1796, engaged in the study of medicine, and died young.

George, fourth and youngest son, was born 23d October 1798. He rented the farm of Parkhead, in the parish of Blairgowrie, and there died 22d November 1871, aged seventy-three. He married, 12th March 1830, Jean, daughter of John Harris, farmer in Middle Mains, parish of Blairgowrie, with issue seven sons and one daughter:—

(1) James, born 1831, resides at Kingswells, Auchterarder.

(2) John, born 1833, settled at Bonniefield, Riverton, New Zealand. He married, 20th March 1862, Ann Campbell, daughter of John Fleming, farmer, Bruceton, parish of Alyth, Perthshire, with issue four sons and one daughter:—George, died in infancy; George (*secundus*), died in infancy; Alexander Fleming (twin with his sister Jane Harris), born 1868; Hercules, born 1874; Jane Harris (twin with her brother Alexander), born 1868.

(3) George, born 29th January 1840, resides at Wyndham, New Zealand.

(4) Patrick, born 1841, died in infancy.

(5) William, born 6th December 1843, resides at Wyndham, New Zealand.

(6) David, born 9th April 1847, farms the Haugh of Aberuthven, Perthshire. He married, 18th June 1885, Catherine, daughter of James Kirk, farmer at Kaimknowe, parish of Glendevon, with issue a son—George.

(7) Patrick Duncan (*secundus*), born 3d May 1850,

farmer, Ballandro, Kincardineshire. Married, 7th January 1879, Agnes Anderson, daughter of James Kirk, farmer at Kaimknowe, parish of Glendevon, with issue two sons and two daughters—George, James Kirk, Isabella Monteath, and Margaret.

(8) Margaret, born 14th April 1837, resides at Kingswells, Auchterarder.

George, second son of Charles Playfair, renter of Couttie, was baptised 10th January 1755. Farmer at Knowhead, in the parish of Bendochy, he was remarkable for his abilities as an agriculturist. He died in 1819, aged sixty-four. He married, 1st August 1788, Jean, daughter of William Fyfe, tenant of Boyne, parish of Errol, and of his first wife Agnes Just (she died in 1852), with issue four sons and three daughters :—

Elizabeth, baptised 28th August 1791, died 1808.

Agnes, baptised 5th October 1798, died 1866.

Catherine, baptised 10th February 1805, died 29th November 1884. She married, 24th October 1834, William Constable of Waterybutts, with issue two sons and two daughters. (See Family of Constable.)

James, eldest son of George Playfair, baptised 14th January 1790, died in 1868.

William, second son, baptised 30th June 1793, died 1812.

Charles, third son, baptised 1st January 1796, purchased the estate of Islabank in the parish of Bendochy, and died 30th August 1881, aged eighty-five. He married, 30th January 1842, Isabella, daughter of William Menzies, Tulliallan, with issue seven sons and one daughter :—

James, eldest son, born 1st August 1844, succeeded his father in the estate of Islabank. He married, 4th May 1870, Susan Shaw, daughter of William Shaw Soutar, banker, Blairgowrie, with issue four sons and two daughters :—

James Menzies, born 13th March 1871.

William Shaw, born 5th December 1872.

Henry Lyon, born 20th October 1880.

Charles Gordon, born 24th August 1882.

Margaret Lyon, born 25th October 1878, died 27th April 1883.

Chrissy, born 13th July 1884.

William Menzies, second son of Charles Playfair and Isabella Menzies, was born 3d May 1846, died 13th October 1851.

Charles George, third son, born 28th January 1848, is proprietor of Whitehills, in the parish of Abernyte.

John, fourth son, born 14th September 1849, studied medicine in the University of Edinburgh, and there graduated M.B. in 1872. Is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, also a Licentiate and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. He married, in 1879, Margaret Jane, eldest daughter of John Moncur, Edinburgh, with issue three daughters :—

Winifred Tennant, born 28th August 1881.

Hilda Isobel, born 18th October 1883.

Evelyn Agnes, born 1st March 1886.

Patrick, fifth son, born 15th March 1852, is proprietor of the lands of Carskerdo, in Fife, and of Parkhead, in the county of Perth.

William Menzies, born 1856, is proprietor of Denhead, Perthshire.

Henry Lyon, born 1861, died 23d January 1875.

Margaret Clunie, born 1854, died 8th July 1864.

Peter, fourth and youngest son of George Playfair and Jean Fyfe, was baptised 26th August 1800. He has purchased the whole of the lands in the parish of Bendochy held in lease by his progenitors, members of the families of Playfair and Roger.

Charles, third son of Charles Playfair, renter of Couttie, was baptised 7th January 1759. He rented the farm of Muirton, in the parish of Alyth, and married, 12th August 1792, Janet Miller of Tullyfergus, in the parish of Bendochy, with issue two sons and six daughters :—

(1) Charles, born 1794. He rented the farm of Inchmichael, in the parish of Errol, and died unmarried.

(2) David, born 1808, died young.

(1) Margaret, born 1793, married M. A. Young, burgess of Perth.

(2) Catherine, born 1796, died in infancy.

(3) Jane, born 1798, married Peter Miller of Tullyfergus; died without issue.

(4) Janet, born 1800, died unmarried, leaving a bequest to the poor of the parish of Alyth.

(5) Mary, born 1802.

(6) Ann, born April 1805.

David, fourth son of Charles Playfair, baptised 4th January 1760, died in infancy.

John, fifth son, baptised 23d January 1763, died in infancy.

David (*secundus*), sixth son of Charles Playfair, was baptised 25th March 1765. He married, 23d April 1812, Janet, daughter of George Constable and Margaret Dow, with issue five sons and three daughters :—

(1) Charles, born 1815, died young.

(2) George, born 1817, died young.

(3) William, born 1831, died young.

(4) David, born 1824.

(5) James, born 1834.

(1) Agnes, born 1819; married Andrew Stirton, Cupar-Angus.

(2) Margaret, born 1826.

(3) Catherine, born 1829.

John, seventh son of Charles Playfair, was baptised 31st December 1766. He married Catherine, daughter of John Moncur, farmer of Nether Cupar Grange, with issue two sons, Patrick and John, and five daughters, Isobel, Grizel, Elizabeth, Jean, and Catherine.

William, eighth son, baptised 1st April 1770.

Ebenezer, ninth son, baptised 18th April 1771, died young.

Peter, tenth and youngest son, emigrated.

FAMILY OF CONSTABLE.

THE Constable or Count of the Stable was in the royal household an office of the highest rank. The Constable of France commanded the army in the absence of the sovereign, and was the supreme regulator at tilts and tournaments. Soon after the Conquest a Lord High Constable became judge in the Court of Chivalry in conjunction with the Earl Mareschal, but the office was abolished by Henry VIII. on the attainder of the Duke of Buckingham. A Lord High Constable is now appointed only on the event of a coronation.

In Scotland a Constable was first appointed in the reign of Alexander I. He kept the king's sword, led the royal army, and was chief of the barons. By David I. the office was made hereditary in the family of De Morevile. It was subsequently conferred by King Robert the Bruce on Sir Gilbert de la Haya, and by a royal charter, dated 12th November 1314, was made hereditary in his house. As the descendant and representative of Sir Gilbert de la Haya the Earl of Errol is High Constable of Scotland.

Subordinate to the High Constable were the governors of the royal castles, who were usually styled Constables. They exercised jurisdiction not only in the stronghold, but

within the constabulary, which usually included a considerable extent of precincts. In connection with the principal castles the office of Constable became hereditary.

During the thirteenth and the early part of the fourteenth centuries, when surnames were generally adopted, the custodiers of castles might naturally assume as a family appellative the designation of their office. Thus, on the 5th April 1365, David II. confirmed a charter whereby Alexander, called Constable, son and heir of the deceased Roger Constable, burgess of Aberdeen, granted, on the 14th May 1350, to the Carmelite Friars of Aberdeen, an annual rent of four merks sterling, out of his land lying in the castle street, on the west side of the said castle.[1]

Old Scone, in Perthshire, was the capital of Pictavia, one of the four kingdoms into which Scotland was anciently divided. Here, at the Mote Hill, Pictish sovereigns exercised judicial authority, and when in 844 Dalriada and Pictavia were united under Kenneth Mac Alpin, that sovereign chose Scone as a centre of government. He brought thither from Dunstaffnage Castle the Stone of Destiny, depositing it in the Culdee church. Early in the twelfth century this church was extended into an abbey, of which the precincts extended to 12 acres. The structure was also adapted as a royal residence, and place of coronation. Hence the building was assigned to the care of a secular guardian or constable. In the account rendered at Scone, in July 1329, of the obligations of the Chamberlain, is included the item of 13s. 4d. allowed by the clerk of

[1] Reg. Magni Sigilli, vol. i. p. 34, No. 88.

the Liverance to Symon the Constable, for his robe.[1] And at Perth, on the 21st April 1360, John the Constable and two others rendered their account as collectors of the third contribution for the King's ransom, within the quarters of Dundee and Kerymore [Kirriemuir].[2]

On the 28th July 1364 David II. granted to John of Pitscoty, burgess of Perth, a charter of certain tenements in Perth, especially of that tenement in the North Street, on the north side thereof, between the land of John Bell in the east, and that of Thomas the Constable on the west.[3] On the 16th February 1373-74, John the Constable is named as one of the collectors for the contribution "de Starmound," that is, of the district of the Stormont.[4]

A portion of land at Kinclaven, in Perthshire, and in the vicinity of the Stormont is, in 1456, described as "The Constable Lands."[5]

On the 2d September 1458 John Constable is witness to a charter in which is confirmed a charter, dated at Callander 29th June 1448, by which Janet de Fenton, younger of the co-heirs of Walter de Fenton, Lord of Baky, and relict of Robert Stewart, grants to William Haket,

[1] Exchequer Rolls, vol. i. p. 245.

[2] *Ibid.* vol. ii. p. 39. In 1357 David II. was liberated from his long captivity in England, on a ransom of 100,000 marks, to be paid within ten years. Towards the liquidation of the ransom a special contribution was levied annually.

[3] Reg. Mag. Sig., vol. i. p. 29, No. 50.

[4] Exchequer Rolls, vol. ii. p. 423. The Stormont includes that district of Perthshire which is bounded on the east by the river Ericht, on the south by the rivers Isla and the Tay, on the west by the Tay, and on the north by the Grampians. Within its area are included the parishes of Blairgowrie, Kinloch, Clunie, Caputh, Dunkeld, Lethendy, and about a third of Bendochy.

[5] *Ibid.*, vol. vi. p. 246.

with whom she is contracting marriage, the fourth part of the Mains of Baky and others in the shire of Forfar; also the lands of Little Buttergask in Gowry, Strathifentoun in the shire of Perth, Colles in Mar, and Sloch in Aberdeenshire.[1]

John Constable, described as "agricola," and "fermorer," in Wester Randellstene, in the parish of Errol, Perthshire, had baptised, 27th July 1578, a son, John, and on the 6th of February 1581, a daughter, Christian.[2]

James Constable, at Bonnytoun, parish of Rattray, Perthshire, was father of George Constable, who married, on the 16th December 1659, Marjory, daughter of John Moncur, farmer at the Hillock of Rattray,[3] whose progenitor of the same Christian name leased from the Abbot of Cupar at Pentecost 1478, conjointly with another, a third part of the lands of Balmyle. Of the marriage were born three sons:—

George, second son, baptised 8th November 1666.

James, third son, baptised 3d March 1673.

John, the eldest son, baptised 29th November 1660, married Margaret Chalmers, whose progenitors were husbandmen of Cupar Abbey. To Thomas de Camera was let, in 1444, the farm of Calady (Cathy); and he is in 1463 described as Thomas Chamer. By the Abbot of Cupar, in 1465, the third part of Adnekathyl was leased to Robert Chawmyr, who, in 1477 obtained a life lease of the quarter of Muirtoun, which was also to be enjoyed by his son

[1] Reg. Mag. Sig., B. v. vol. ii. No. 618.
[2] Parish Register of Errol.
[3] Rattray Parish Register.

William. William Chawmer is, at Pentecost 1588, named as one of the seven tenants of Tullyfergus; and on the 2d October 1510, John, son of William Chawmer of Drumlochy, had a lease of the lands of Mydilbait.[1]

Of the marriage of John Constable and Margaret Chalmers were born three sons, George, James, and David.

George Constable, the eldest son, rented first the lands of Blackhill of Rattray, and afterwards the Mains of Bendochy. He married, first, 4th October 1716, Margaret, daughter of James Playfair, farmer in Couttie (and of his wife, Janet Pennycook), by whom he had four sons and three daughters.

Isobel, eldest daughter, married William Roger, farmer, Cupar Grange. Their marriage contract is dated 18th November 1758.

Barbara, second daughter, married James Miller, Hatton of Rattray.

Janet, third daughter, married first, 16th July 1760, James Smith of Smithston, and secondly, Peter Angus.

James, the eldest son, baptised 4th December 1717, died unmarried.

John, second son, was baptised 3d May 1719. He married, 10th December 1757, Margaret, daughter of William Johnston of Millhall, with issue two sons, William and George.

William, the elder son, born 1759, was licensed by the Presbytery of Meigle, 17th December 1785, and on the 18th February 1802 was ordained assistant and

[1] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. pp. 152, 208, 221, 269, 278.

successor to the minister of St. Martins, Perthshire. He died 6th October 1836, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and thirty-fifth of his ministry. He married, 1st February 1814, Anne, daughter of Andrew Briggs, maternally descended from the old family of Oliphant; she died 26th November 1861. Of the marriage were born two sons and seven daughters :—

William Briggs, the eldest son, born 2d October 1821, succeeded his maternal uncle William Briggs in the estate of Benarty, in the counties of Fife and Kinross. He died 7th October 1882. By his wife Marion Meikle, third and youngest daughter of George Nelson, farmer at Broomhouse, Haddingtonshire, he had three sons and one daughter :—

(1) William Briggs, born 1st March 1852, succeeded his father in the estate of Benarty.

(2) Nelson Briggs, born 25th June 1854, is a Writer to the Signet.

(3) Andrew Henderson Briggs, born 3d March 1865.

(1) Marion Nelson Briggs, only daughter.

Andrew, second son of the Rev. William Constable, twin with his sister Anne *secunda*, was born 26th June 1825. He rented the farm of Hill, in the parish of Errol, and now resides in Edinburgh. He married, 25th December 1860, Euphemia, daughter of William Johnstone, Provost of Dundee, with issue three sons and two daughters :—

(1) William, born 16th August 1863.

(2) Andrew, born 7th July 1865.

(3) James, born 12th October 1868.

(1) Anne Briggs, born 29th December 1861.

(2) Margaret Wyllie, born 9th December 1866.

Margaret, eldest daughter of the Rev. William Constable, born 4th January 1815, died young.

Anne, second daughter, born 25th March 1816, died young.

Janet, third daughter, born 21st June 1817, died young.

Georgina, fourth daughter, born 13th September 1818, married John Millar Matthew of Auchmague, parish of St. Martins, and of Newmiln, in the parish of Scone, with issue a son, John Millar, born 16th January 1858; also a daughter, Margaret Anne.

Elizabeth Briggs, fifth daughter, born 25th January 1820, married, 4th December 1850, James Constable, who purchased the estate of Glencraig, Fifeshire (*see postea*).

Margaret Anne, sixth daughter, born 19th Nov. 1823.

Anne, seventh daughter, second of the name, twin with her brother Andrew, born 26th June 1825.

George, second son of John Constable and Margaret Johnstone, was born 1760, and settled at Newbigging, in the parish of Cargill. He married —— Soutar, with issue five sons and two daughters :—

(1) George, died unmarried.

(2) Thomas, married —— Farquhar, Blairgowrie, and emigrated to America.

(3) William, a physician in India, died unmarried.

(4) Peter, died unmarried.

(5) David, fifth son, married Jane Strachan, without issue.

(1) Janet, married William Dewar, with issue.
(2) Margaret, married William Nicoll, Inchture, with issue.

William, second son of George Constable and Margaret Playfair, was baptised 26th February 1721; he died unmarried.

George, third son, was born in 1725. He rented the lands of Bendochy, and died 25th August 1803. He married Margaret Dow, with issue five sons and a daughter:—

(1) William, born in 1777, died, unmarried, 15th April 1856.
(2) Peter, born in 1779, died 22d April 1856. He married Jane Halket, Kettins, without issue.
(3) George, born in 1781, died in 1802, unmarried.
(4) John, died young.
(5) James, born in 1792. He married 23d June 1839, Agnes Robertson, with issue a son, James; also five daughters, Margaret, Janet, Jane, Agnes, and Isobel.
(1) Janet, married David Playfair, farmer, Hills of Bendochy.

George Constable, renter of the Mains of Bendochy, married, secondly, 23d December 1736, Isabella Kinmond, relict of Alexander Alison, tenant in Melginch, with issue two sons:—

(1) James, died unmarried.
(2) Patrick, farmer, Hilltown of Ballindean, parish of

Inchture, born 1745; died 1826. He married first, 4th December 1773, Janet Millar; and secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of James Just, farmer, Inchture. Of the first marriage were born two sons, George and Robert.

George, born 1774, purchased the lands of Waterybutts, parish of Errol, and died 26th March 1855. He married, in 1804, Margaret, daughter of William Fyfe, farmer, Boyne, parish of Errol, by his second wife Beatrix Moncur, with issue five sons and two daughters :—

Betsy, elder daughter, born 18th February 1805, married, 6th April 1833, Patrick Millar of Balbeuchly, with issue six sons—George, Robert, Patrick, William, James, and Charles; also two daughters, Margaret and Jane.

Margaret, younger daughter of George Constable, born 1812, died 1828.

Patrick, eldest son, born 1807, rented the farm of Hill, Errol; died August 1832.

William, second son, born 2d August 1808, succeeded to Waterybutts, and died 29th August 1858. He married, 24th October 1834, Catherine, third and youngest daughter of George Playfair, farmer at Knowhead, parish of Bendochy, (baptised 10th February 1805; died 29th November 1884). Of the marriage were born two sons and two daughters :—

(1) George, born 18th February 1836, died 6th March 1840.

(2) James, born 8th March 1843, died 2d April 1843.

(1) Jane, elder daughter, born 23d September 1839, died 5th April 1856.

(2) Margaret, younger daughter, born 17th June 1841, succeeded to the lands of Waterybutts. She also succeeded her mother in the lands of Bendochy and Muirhead, Perthshire. She married, 27th April 1864, Patrick Hunter, farmer at Ardgaith, parish of Errol, with issue three sons and four daughters :—

(1) William Constable, born 1865.
(2) Charles Patrick.
(3) James Robert.
(1) Agnes Charlotte ; deceased.
(2) Catherine Jane.
(3) Margaret Playfair ; deceased.
(4) Robina.

Patrick, third son, rented the farm of Hill, in the parish of Errol.

Robert, third son of George Constable and Margaret Fyfe, born 6th February 1810, succeeded his brother Patrick in the farm of Hill ; he died unmarried, November 1857.

George, fourth son, born 1814, rented the farm of Mains of Castle Huntly ; he died 17th April 1846.

James, fifth son, born 1816, purchased the estate of Glencraig, Fifeshire. He married Elizabeth Briggs, fifth daughter of the Rev. William Constable, minister of St. Martins, with issue a son, George William, and a daughter, Anne Briggs, born 27th November 1851, died 3d May 1859.

George William of Glencraig, born 23d February 1853, married Dora Dinning, only daughter of the Rev. Dugald Macalister, minister of Stitchell, with issue a son—

Hedley William Briggs, born 12th May 1886.

Robert, younger son of Patrick Constable, farmer, Hilltown of Ballindean, was born in 1780. He purchased the estate of Parkhead, in the parish of Lintrathen, and died 6th December 1854. He married, 5th January 1821, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Millar of Balbeuchly (she died in 1841), with issue five sons and two daughters :—

Robert Millar, eldest son, born 1822, rented the farm of Ballindean, parish of Inchture. He died in 1857.

Patrick, second son, born 1824, is proprietor of Parkhead, parish of Lintrathen, and renter of Balledgarno, Inchture. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Hunter, farmer at Ardgaith, Errol, with issue one son and three daughters :—

Robert, born 1870.

Agnes Hunter.

Elizabeth Millar; died young.

Mary.

George, third son of Robert Constable of Parkhead, born in 1826, died in 1842.

William, fourth son, born 1830, died 1867.

James, fifth son, born 1832, was a captain in the army; he died in 1877. He married Jane Anne Tod, with issue four sons and three daughters :—

(1) James Alexander; died young.

(2) Patrick William.

(3) John Erskine Frank; died young.
(4) Robert; died young.
(1) Amelia Jane; died young.
(2) Mary Elizabeth.
(3) Margaret Constance.

Margaret, elder daughter of Robert Constable, born 1828, married, 15th December 1857, Robert Milne (died 1882), with issue two daughters, Elizabeth Constable and Margaret.

Elizabeth, younger daughter of Robert Constable, born 1836, died 1849.

James Constable, a scion of the Perthshire family, married Euphemia, daughter of John Symon, portioner, Errol, with issue a son—

John, M.D., a physician, practising at Leuchars, Fifeshire, and J.P. for the county of Fife.

A scion of the Perthshire family, John Constable studied at St. Salvator's College, and graduated A.M. 23d July 1674. By the Presbytery of St. Andrews licensed to preach on the 6th July 1677, he was, on the 23d September 1684, admitted minister of the parish of Kingoldrum, Forfarshire; he died in February 1703, about his forty-ninth year.[1] He married Margaret Ogilvie.

A son or nephew of the Rev. John Constable, minister of Kingoldrum, rented a farm, first at Inverarity,[2] near Forfar, afterwards at Leuchars, Fifeshire. An elder of

[1] Fasti Eccl. Scot., vol. iii. p. 753.

[2] Leuchars Parish Register.

Leuchars parish, his name appears on the roll of the Kirk-session on the 15th September 1706, and continues up to the 13th January 1723, when it finally disappears.[1]

John Constable, of the parish of Inverarity, married, first, June 1691, Euphemia Ross, of the parish of Leuchars,[2] with issue a son—

John, baptised 29th January 1698,[3] rented the farm of Arncroach, in the parish of Carnbee, Fifeshire. He married, first, 12th May 1721, Elizabeth Hain, without issue; secondly, 26th December 1729, Margaret Bisset, with issue four sons, of whom three died young.[4]

Thomas, the surviving son, born 8th October 1737,[5] assisted in the management of the estates of his uncle, Charles Constable of Peelwell and Moorhall, in Berwickshire, and returning to Fifeshire in 1760, succeeded his maternal uncle in managing the estates of the Earl of Kellie. In "Genealogical Notes," by his grandson, Archibald Constable, he is described as tall in person, of fair complexion, and of an address superior to his rank; also as possessing a generous and benevolent disposition. He was, according to the same authority, a noted agriculturist, and was in the affairs of husbandry much consulted by his neighbours; he died in 1791. He married, 18th November 1763, Elizabeth, daughter of John Myles,[6] farmer at Easter Pitcorthy, in the parish of Kilconquhar, granddaughter of the Rev. William Myles, minister of

[1] Leuchars Kirk-session Records.

[2] Leuchars Parish Register.

[3] Genealogical Notes, by Archibald Constable, the publisher.

[4] Notes by Archibald Constable.

[5] Carnbee Parish Register.

[6] *Ibid.*

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Flisk;[1] she died 1819. Of the marriage were born seven children, of whom the survivor was—

Archibald, who was born at Carnbee, 24th February 1774. Educated at the parish school, he was, in 1788, apprenticed to Mr. Peter Hill, bookseller in Edinburgh, the friend and correspondent of Burns. Becoming a bookseller in the city on his own account in 1795, he afterwards added the business of a publisher. In 1801 he acquired the property of the *Scots Magazine*, and when, in October of the following year, he issued the first number of the *Edinburgh Review*, he suddenly emerged into fame. In 1804 he admitted as partner Mr. Alexander Gibson Hunter of Blackness, who in 1811 retired from the concern. His connection with Sir Walter Scott, with whom his name is so largely identified, commenced in 1805, when, in conjunction with Longman and Co. of London, he published the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." In the introductory epistle to the "Fortunes of Nigel" he is, in 1821, commended by Sir Walter Scott as one "whose vigorous intellect and liberal ideas had not only rendered his native country the mart of her own literature, but established there a court of letters which commanded respect even from those most inclined to dissent from many of its canons." Notwithstanding the commercial disaster which attended his publishing house in 1826, Archibald Constable will continue to be remembered as a munificent patron of literary genius. His

[1] Mr. William Myles, who died in 1694, was by the Privy Council in 1699 deprived of his charge as minister of Flisk for not reading the Proclamation of the Estates, and not praying for their Majesties William and Mary.—Fasti Eccl. Scot., vol. ii. p. 494.

character as a man of business has been conclusively vindicated in an interesting memorial of his life by his son Thomas.[1] He died 21st July 1827, at the age of fifty-three.

Archibald Constable married, first, 16th January 1795, Mary, elder daughter of David Willison, printer, Craig's Close, Edinburgh, and one of the magistrates of the city, with issue four sons and five daughters :—

David, the eldest son, was born 4th October 1795, and died 4th January 1867. By his wife, Ellen Fosbery, he had a daughter, who died in infancy, also two sons :—

(1) William Henry, who died in Australia in 1855.

(2) David Archibald, born at Brussels 29th January 1829, is a merchant at St. Joseph, Missouri, U.S.A. He married, 11th February 1862, Sophia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Samuel Word and Elizabeth Ohler M'Hargue of Union Star, Tennessee, with issue two sons and two daughters :—

William Henry, born 5th June 1863.

Samuel Thomas, born 13th September 1864.

Laura Ellen, born 4th March 1866.

Daisy Bella, born 13th November 1870, died 9th January 1873.

Archibald, second son of the publisher, died in infancy.

Henry Seward, third son, born 26th March 1809, died in January 1875. He married, about 1845, Wilhelmina Meyer, with issue one son and three daughters :—

(1) Archibald, engineer of the Oude and Rohilkund

[1] Archibald Constable and his Literary Correspondents. Edinburgh, 1873. 3 vols. 8vo.

Railway, India. He married, 11th September 1876, Agnes Mary, daughter of James Ross, Deputy-Magistrate and Collector in Bengal.

(1) Margaret Anne, eldest daughter, married, in 1877, William B. Doubleday, silk merchant, of Hamburg and London; she died in childbirth, leaving a son, Archibald.

(2) Heloise.

(3) Charlotte.

Thomas, fourth son of Archibald Constable, was born at Craigcrook, 29th June 1812. He established the printing firm of T. and A. Constable, now Printers to the Queen, and to the University of Edinburgh. He composed a Memoir of his father, and other works, and died 26th May 1881. He married, 14th October 1837, Lucia Anne, daughter of Alexander Cowan of Valleyfield, with issue five sons and four daughters:—

(1) Archibald David, born 27th October 1843, married, 15th April 1874, Mary Susan Scott, daughter of the Rev. Harry Ovenden Wrench, Chaplain to the Forces.

(2) Alexander Philip, born 9th November 1845, died in infancy.

(3) Thomas, born 12th July 1847. He married, 29th October 1878, Amy, second daughter of Robert Wynne of Bronywendon, Denbighshire, with issue two children, Hester and Archibald.

(4) Alexander Cowan, born 5th June 1855, has settled in the United States.

(5) James Cowan, born 28th September 1857, has settled in the United States.

(1) Elizabeth Anne, born 4th September 1841, married, 28th December 1870, the Rev. William Berkley, formerly scholar of Brasenose, and Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, now Vicar of Navestock, Essex, with issue two sons and a daughter, viz. :—

Maurice, born 6th September 1872; William Vaughan, born 10th March 1876; Lucy Constable, born 26th February 1874.

(2) Lucy, born 22d March 1849, died in May 1864.

(3) Mary, born 27th December 1850, married, 17th January 1872, James Noel Forsyth of Quinish, Isle of Mull, with issue three sons and four daughters :—

James Somerled, born 3d December 1874.
Noel Constable, born 19th June 1878.
Thomas Constable, born 23d March 1885.
Lucy Magdalene, born 11th May 1873.
Julia Gladys, born 22d February 1876.
Amy Millicent, born 29th December 1880.
Mary Dorothy, born 1st August 1882.

(4) Katharine Augusta, born 5th December 1852, married, 14th October 1884, William Patrick Bruce, papermaker, Kinleith, with issue a son, Harry, born 4th September 1885, died 23d January 1886.

Eliza, eldest daughter of Archibald Constable and Mary Willison, was first wife of Robert Cadell of Ratho Park, the well-known publisher of Sir Walter Scott's works. She died in 1818.

Anne, second daughter, born 7th July 1805, married in 1835 George Skipton, of the Indian Civil Service; she died, 13th February 1863, without issue.

Mary, third daughter, died unmarried.

Margaret, fourth daughter, died unmarried.

Catherine, fifth dauhter, died unmarried, 28th December 1824.

Archibald Constable the publisher married, secondly, 12th February 1818, Charlotte Neale, with issue three sons and a daughter :—

(1) Archibald George, born 22d March 1822. For many years employed in the establishment of Messrs. Harper, publishers, New York, he died at Brooklyn on the 25th October 1882, leaving two sons, George and Henry.

(2) Marmaduke, born 8th November 1823, settled at Sydney, New South Wales. He married, first, in 1852, Anne Mary Bramah, who died in 1864, without issue; secondly, on the 8th July 1865, Josephine Gougenheim, of New York, with issue two sons, Marmaduke and Archibald; also two daughters, Josephine and Adelaide Charlotte.

(3) John, M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, born 12th March 1825, is rector of Marston Biggott, Somersetshire. He married, 14th January 1856,

Emily Walker, of Scarcroft Hill House, Leeds, with issue six daughters, viz. :—

Charlotte Catherine; married, 24th May 1885, Edward Dowling Hodgson, of Eton Vale, Queensland, second son of Sir Arthur Hodgson of Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon.

Emily Dora.

Martha Millie.

Margaret Eliza; married, 24th May 1885, James Elphinstone Erskine, R.N, with issue, David Victor Fairfax, born 4th March 1886.

Ethel Mary; died 18th February 1867.

Ellen Rawson.

Charlotte, only daughter of Archibald Constable by his second wife, married James Thomson of Camphill, Lanarkshire; she died in 1855 without issue.

John Constable, farmer, Leuchars, married, secondly, Anne Robertson, by whom he had five sons and three daughters:—

Charles, fourth son, born 1714, was bred a farmer, and settled in Berwickshire, where he acquired the estates of Peelwells and Moorhall. In the county of Berwick he introduced an improved mode of husbandry. He sold his estate of Peelwells; that of Moorhall was inherited by his son John.

Thomas Constable, burgess of Dundee, executed a testamentary settlement, dated 8th February 1593.[1]

[1] The original was in the possession of the late Thomas Constable, printer, Edinburgh.

John Constable, trader at Dundee, who died 23d April 1773, married Barbara Kirkaldy, with issue two sons and five daughters :—

George, the elder son, solicitor in Edinburgh, purchased in 1789 the lands of Wallace Craigie, for the sum of £2170, and as the area of the estate has since been included within the burgh of Dundee, the rental has by feuing become largely in excess of the purchase-money. Inclined to antiquarian pursuits, George Constable attracted the attention of young Walter Scott, who rejoiced to accept his hospitality. In the course of visiting him at Wallace Craigie, Scott became familiar with those scenes which he has depicted in "The Antiquary." In that novel the Laird of Wallace Craigie is represented in the character of Jonathan Oldbuck of Monkbarns. George Constable died in 1803, unmarried.

David, second son of John Constable, a prosperous grazier at Dundee, died 14th July 1778. By his wife, Agnes Watson (who died 30th May 1822, aged eighty-nine), he had four sons; also four daughters, Matilda, Agnes, Barbara, and Christian, who all died unmarried.

Thomas, the eldest son, was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Dundee in 1783, and in 1785 was ordained minister of Liff. In 1809 he received the degree of D.D. from the University of St. Andrews; he died, 17th April 1817,[1] aged sixty-seven.

James, second son, practised as a physician in Jamaica, and there died, 21st October 1821.

[1] Fasti Eccl. Scot., vol. iii. p. 711.

David, third son, a Captain of Marines; died in 1791.

George, fourth son, was Colonel of the Bengal Artillery. He is the prototype of Captain M'Intyre of "The Antiquary." He died 12th July 1838.

Of the five daughters of John Constable and Barbara Kirkaldy, Christian, Helen, and Jean died unmarried. Barbara married Captain Hill, and died without issue.

Matilda, the eldest daughter, married, 17th January 1756, Laurence Brown, an officer in the Royal Navy, who in 1777 was appointed to the command of the *Princess Caroline*, a ship cruising in the revenue service. Third and youngest son of the Rev. Laurence Brown by his wife Elizabeth Lyon, his brothers were Robert, minister of the English Church, Utrecht; and William, Professor of Church History at St. Andrews, father of Principal William Laurence Brown of Aberdeen. Of the marriage of Captain Laurence Brown and Matilda Constable (who died 12th October 1796) were born two sons and a daughter—Barbara, who married William Chalmers, town-clerk of Dundee.

George, the younger son, died June 1839. He married, with issue three sons—Laurence, George, and Robert Mansel; also a daughter, Matilda Barbara.

Laurence, eldest son, succeeded to the estate of Wallace Craigie, by virtue of a deed of entail executed on the 23d February 1796 by his uncle, the Antiquary, and under which he was called upon to add to his patronymic the name of Constable. He died 13th September 1824. He

married Anne Saunders (who died in June 1810), with issue six sons and two daughters :—

(1) Laurence Brown-Constable, succeeded his father in the estate of Wallace Craigie, and died unmarried, 25th December 1829.

(2) William Brown-Constable, born 14th February 1804, succeeded his elder brother in the family estate. He married Lady Mary Margaret, eldest daughter of Henry David Erskine, Earl of Buchan, and died without issue, 19th July 1852.

(3) George, an officer in the Mercantile Marines, died unmarried in 1830.

(5) Henry, died in 1819.

(6) Alexander, sixth son, died young.

(4) Charles Brown-Constable, born 20th March 1807, succeeded his brother William in the estate of Wallace Craigie. He served in the 18th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry, and is now Lieutenant-Colonel. He has been twice married, and has issue eleven sons and six daughters.

The families of Nicol Constable of Balmyle and Cally, in the county of Perth, derive maternally from the stock of Constable of Wallace Craigie.

FAMILY OF HALDANE.

OF Norse origin, Haldane is a surname common in Denmark. In the twelfth century a younger son of Haldane of that Ilk in Roxburghshire married the heiress of Gleneagles, in Perthshire. Aylmer de Haldane of Gleneagles was one of the barons who, in 1296, swore fealty to Edward I. On the 16th September 1376, Robert II. granted to Sir James of Lindesay, his grandson, the lands of Aberbothry, and the castle of Invercuyth, etc., which belonged to Bernard of Hawden (Haldane) and others, in the thanage of Alyth.[1]

At Pentecost 1457, the Abbot of Cupar leased one half of Polkak, Blarachnoch, and Achnekathyl to William Haldane, and the other half to John Roger. A descendant of the former, James Haldane, obtained from the Abbot of Cupar in 1542 a lease of the lands of Wester Drummy.[2] On the 27th April 1481, Patrick Haldane of Keillor, in the parish of Newtyle, and Walter Haldane witnessed at Perth, on the 27th April 1481, a charter by Thomas Fotheringham to Silvester Rettre of that Ilk, of the lands of Ballewny.[3] And on the 8th September

[1] Reg. Mag. Sig., vol. i. p. 141, No. 75.

[2] Rental Book of Abbey of Cupar, vol. i. p. 137 ; vol ii. p. 193.

[3] Reg. Mag. Sig., vol. ii. No. 1474.

1493, James IV. confirmed a charter, granted on the 4th April 1492, by Patrick Haldane of Wester Keillor to Silvester Haldane, his son and apparent heir, of the lands of Wester Keillor.[1] Patrick Haldane in Keillor is witness to a charter, dated 22d June 1496, granted to William Haliburton, son of John of Gask.[2] At Perth, on the 27th September 1489, James, Earl of Buchan, confirmed to George Blair, son of David Blair in Bendochy, a charter of half of the east lands of Ketnys [Kettins], which were held in ferme by Alexander Haldane and others.[3] And on the 28th April 1528, John, Earl of Buchan, confirmed a charter granted to John Haldane, son of Silvester Haldane of Keillor, and Elizabeth Gray his spouse, of half the lands of Easter Keillor.[4] At Pitcur, on the 24th June 1526, James V. confirmed a charter by Silvester Haldane of Wester Keillor to his grandson and apparent heir, Robert Haldane, of the lands of Wester Keillor.[5]

In 1574 George Haldane, of the family of Keillor, was reader in the parish church of Newtyle, with a salary of £20.[6] In 1645 Easter Keillor fell to Susan, heiress of her brother, Alexander Haldane.[7] The estate afterwards passed from the family of Haldane to that of Haliburton of Pitcur.[8]

In the thanage of Alyth, where we found Bernard of Hawden or Haldane in 1376, the family continued to hold

[1] Reg. Mag. Sig., vol. ii. No. 2174.
[2] *Ibid.* No. 2320.
[3] *Ibid.* No. 1898.
[4] *Ibid.* vol. iii. No. 305.
[5] *Ibid.* No. 416.
[6] Register of Ministers and Readers; Miscellany of Wodrow Society, vol. i. p. 355.
[7] Ing. Spec., Forfar, No. 288.
[8] Jervise's Angus and Mearns, p. 321.

lands. According to tradition, a member of the sept extended hospitality to James v. when he was benighted in hunting, and was rewarded by receiving his lands under an easy tenure. The king humorously designed the conditions of occupancy in these words :—

> "Ye Haddens o' the Moor ye pay nocht
> But a harren tether if its socht,
> A red rose at Yule, an' a sna'-ba' at Lammas."

The lands of the Haldanes in the Moor of Alyth comprehended the farms of Barmony[1] and Poultrywells; also St. Ninian's Park and the pendicle of Greenslade. These lands were in the eighteenth century held under a feudal superior. In a legal instrument recorded in the Commissariot Register of Dunkeld, on the 15th August 1717,[2] Sir James Kinloch of that Ilk is named as superior. Prior to 1667 the lands of "The Moor" or Poultrywells, and of Barmony, were apportioned between two male representatives of the family.

In April 1667 Andrew Halden "in the Moor" had a daughter, Christian, baptised. Contemporaneously there were baptised to Alexander Halden "in Bairdmonie" two sons and three daughters, viz. :—

David, 22d November 1672.
Alexander, 22d May 1679.
Janet, 12th April 1674.
Euphan, 2d March 1677.

[1] Barmona is a Gaelic word signifying the top of the moor or morass.

[2] Dunkeld Commissariot Reg. Deeds, vol. iii.

Anna, 16th October 1680.[1]

Andrew Haldane of "The Moor" is in 1709 named as an elder of the parish. On the 1st February 1714, he is, under the designation of "Andrew Halden of Powderwells" [Poultrywells], described as having "sett in tack and assedation to Alexander Stephen in Couper Grange the twelfth part of the toun and lands of Bermanie."[2]

Andrew Haldane married about 1698, with issue two sons and four daughters :—

Anne, baptised on the 9th June 1700,[3] died in infancy.

Elizabeth, born 1702, married, 28th May 1727, James Brown,[4] tenant in Barmony. Descended from John Brown "in Leitfie" and his wife Janet, younger daughter of William Roger of Cupar Grange, who died in 1562 (see Family of Roger), he purchased, 5th July 1756, the lands of Balloch, in the parish of Alyth. By his wife, Elizabeth Haldane, he had three sons—Andrew, David, and John.

Andrew, the eldest son, succeeded to the lands of Balloch. He married, first, Margaret Mathewson, by whom he had a son, John, whose surviving child, Margaret, married David Mathewson, now of Balloch. Andrew Brown married, secondly, Isabella Smith, with issue a son, David, who purchased the lands of Wester Derry, in the parish of Glenisla.

John, youngest son of James Brown of Balloch and Elizabeth Haldane, leased the farm of Damhead, in the

[1] Alyth Parish Register.

[2] Dunkeld Com. Reg. Deeds, vol. iii., 15th August 1717.

[3] Alyth Parish Register.

[4] *Ibid.*

parish of Alyth. On the 27th December 1786, he was, with six others, drowned at Crathie on the Isla by the wrecking of the ferry-boat. In November 1775 he married his cousin, Margaret, younger daughter of James Haldane of Poultrywells, with issue three sons and two daughters—

James, born 22d September 1776, died in 1849. He married, without issue.

David, born 1st May 1778, died young.

Elizabeth, born 30th January 1780, died young.

Jean, born 22d March 1784, died in 1857, unmarried.

William, the third son, born 25th March 1781, emigrated in 1820 to Iowa, in the United States; he there died, 22d September 1821. He married, 1st December 1809, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Hain, of the parish of Ceres, Fifeshire; she died at Keokuk, in the State of Iowa, 4th December 1864, aged eighty-one.

Of the marriage of William Brown and Margaret Hain were born three sons and two daughters:—

(1) John Haldane, eldest son, was born 10th December 1810. He settled in Illinois, and died at Monmouth in that State on the 9th August 1839. He married, in 1836, Jane, daughter of William Struthers, a native of Glasgow, with issue two sons:—

William, who, graduating at Monmouth College, and entering the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, settled at Eugene, Iowa. He is married, with issue.

Thomas, accidentally drowned.

(2) James, second son, born at Alyth 31st October

1812. Having studied in Hanover College, Indiana, where he afterwards graduated D.D., he, on the 11th September 1840, was ordained as a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in the district of Pittsburg. Soon afterwards he accepted a charge at Madison, Indiana, where he laboured for twelve years. His next charge was at Keokuk, Iowa, where he ministered for twenty-one years. After some further pastoral service in the same State, Dr. Brown, at the age of seventy-one, retired into private life. In 1876 he presided as Moderator of the General Assembly of his denomination, and he has extensively contributed to periodical literature. He married, first, 17th May 1838, Nancy T. Anderson, a native of Roxburghshire (she died 8th July 1849), with issue five daughters :—

Margaret Janet, died in infancy.

Isabella, married, first, Captain J. J. Moore, with issue three children ; secondly, Archibald B. M'Candless, M.D., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Eliza Jane, married O. G. Given, M.D., of the Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with issue two sons.

Sarah Ellen, died in infancy.

Nancy Taylor, died in infancy.

Dr. James Brown married secondly, 13th February 1851, Rebecca H. White, granddaughter of the Rev. John Smith of the county of Stirling ; she died 27th June 1873.

Thomas, third son of William Brown, was born 6th September 1814. A minister of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, he is settled at Welda, Anderson

county, Kansas. He married, 20th February 1838, Elizabeth Nesbit Hamil (she died 11th July 1871), with issue two sons and five daughters :—

Thomas Hugh, born at Cambridge, Ohio, 7th March 1855. A zealous minister of the United Presbyterian Church, he, after a period of failing health, died on the 8th September 1886.

The surviving daughters are :—

Jessie E. Craig, a widow, with two sons and two daughters.

Martha ; unmarried.

Margaret, wife of Hibbard Hall, Centralia, Illinois.

Jane, elder daughter of William Brown, born 20th July 1816, married Henry Liggett (deceased), with issue ten children, of whom survive :—

Thomas, residing at Mount Ayr, Ringgold county, Iowa.

James, who resides at Gerlaw, Warren county, Illinois, and is married, with two children.

John Haldane, who resides in Crawford county, Kansas.

Mary Jane, married Joseph Garside, Gerard, Crawford county, Kansas.

Margaret Agnes, married Fletcher Tennent, Gerard, Kansas, with issue six children.

Margaret, younger daughter of William Brown, born 18th June 1819. She married, 25th September 1845, John S. Watson, Mitchell county, Kansas, who died 25th June 1876. She has had ten children, of whom survive—

James Allan.

Robert M'Cheyne.
Walter Brown.
Thomas.
Rebecca Maria.

Helen, third daughter of Andrew Haldane of Barmony, was baptised on the 15th June 1704.

Anne, fourth daughter (second of the name), was baptised on the 22d January 1707.

Andrew, the second son, married, 7th December 1735, Elizabeth Christie, of the parish of Alyth, by whom he had a daughter, Susanna, baptised 28th December 1736.[1]

James Haldane, elder son, succeeded his father in the family inheritance. He erected a family residence, placing over the principal entrance the date 1749 on a carved lintel stone, with his initials and those of his wife. He married, about 1736, Jean Donaldson, a descendant of Patrick Donaldson, portioner of the Mains of Rattray, and sister of the Rev. James Donaldson, ordained in 1741 minister of Glammis. Of the marriage were born one son and two daughters :—

Janet, elder daughter, baptised 18th March 1739, died unmarried.

Margaret, younger daughter, baptised 27th May 1749, married her cousin, John Brown, with issue (*see* page 114).

James, only son of James Haldane of Barmony and Jean Donaldson, succeeded to the paternal estate ; he also rented a farm at Bendochy. He died in May 1766. He

[1] Alyth Parish Register.

married Christina, daughter of William Mackintosh, farmer at Millhill, parish of Alyth, second son of John Mackintosh of Ballochraggan, a scion of Mackintosh of Dalmunzie.[1] Of the marriage were born a son, William, and two daughters.

Jean and Margaret, twin daughters of James Haldane, were born on the 5th May 1765. On the 6th August 1766, the testament-dative and inventory of their deceased father was produced in the Commissary Court of Dunkeld by John Crockat and Robert Soutar, as "tutors nominated by the defunct on the 15th May on behalf of his daughters." His moveable estate was valued at £215, 16s.[2]

Margaret died young, and unmarried.

Jean married John Milne, parish of St. Vigeans, Forfarshire, with issue two sons, William and David; also two daughters, Anne and Helen. William and Helen died young.

Anne, elder daughter, married her second cousin, James Mackintosh, residing in Alyth. She survives, at the advanced age of ninety.

David, younger son of John Milne and Jean Haldane, was born 25th May 1800. He married Priscilla, daughter of John Kerrigan, of the county of Westmeath, with issue several children, all of whom died young, save Jean, the eldest child (great-granddaughter of James Haldane of Barmony), who married, 9th August 1856, William Gee, Lecturer on Physical Science, and agent to the Lancashire

[1] The last of the race of Mackintosh who possessed the lands of Dalmunzie was Lachlan John Mackintosh, for many years editor of the *Morning Post*; he died 9th November 1867, aged seventy-four.

[2] Dunkeld Com. Reg. Testaments, vol. vi. 61.

and Cheshire Institutes, Manchester, with issue four sons and a daughter :—

William Winsor Haldane, born 29th June 1857, is B.Sc. of the University of London, and Demonstrator in Physics at Owens College. He has, conjointly with Professor Balfour Stewart, published a work on Practical Physics.

Arthur Gilbert David, born 24th February 1864.

John Albert, born 23d August 1870.

Tom Harold Charles Milne, born 8th April 1876.

Annie Elizabeth, born 24th July 1862.

William Haldane, only son of James Haldane, portioner of Barmony, was born on the 1st August 1763. At the University of St. Andrews he distinguished himself by his acquirements in Greek literature. Licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Meigle 18th June 1788, he was, on the 7th April 1795, ordained minister of Glenisla, from which parish he was translated to Kingoldrum on the 20th March 1803. An earnest and faithful pastor, he was also distinguished for his private virtues. He died, 27th May 1836, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and forty-second of his ministry. He married, 16th May 1796, Anne, second daughter of the Rev. Charles Roberts; she died 18th September 1846. Mr. Roberts was son of Alexander Roberts, who rented the Mains of Phesdo, in the parish of Fordoun, Kincardineshire, and was born in May 1727. With orders in the Scottish Episcopal Church, he sometime ministered at Dundee; he afterwards proceeded to

Antigua, where he died in 1772. He married Anne, elder daughter of Sir John Ogilvy, Bart. of Inverquharity.

The family of Ogilvy are of ancient lineage, deriving from the Maormors of Angus, one of the seven Scottish hereditary chiefs, who, in the eleventh century, exchanged the Celtic appellative of Maormor for Earl, its Anglo-Saxon equivalent. Gilchrist, Earl of Angus, who flourished in the reign of King Malcolm Canmore, was succeeded by his son Gilibrede, whose third son, Gilbert, assumed the name of Ogilvy from land so called, of which he in 1172 received a grant from William the Lion. From Gilbert Ogilvy descended Sir Patrick Ogilvy of Wester Powrie, a devoted adherent of King Robert the Bruce, and more remotely, Sir Walter Ogilvy of Auchterhouse, who held office as Sheriff of Forfar. Descendants of the Sheriff were—Ogilvy, Earls of Findlater and Seafield; Sir Walter of Lintrathen, Lord High Treasurer, ancestor of the Earls of Airlie; and the family of Ogilvy, baronets of Inverquharity. Sir John Ogilvy, fourth baronet, married as his second wife Anne, daughter of James Carnegie of Finhaven, grandson of David Carnegie, second Earl of Northesk. Their elder daughter, Anne, married, first, the Rev. Charles Roberts, with issue two daughters, Anne and Mary.

Mary, the younger daughter, married, 28th April 1792, the Rev. Thomas Ogilvy, minister of Kirriemuir, with issue.

Anne, the elder daughter, married the Rev. William Haldane, with issue five sons and three daughters:—

(1) John Roberts, baptised at Glenisla 3d April 1797, was a physician in the Merchant Service; he died in 1835.

(2) William, born at Glenisla 26th May 1800, died in 1817.

(3) Walter, born 9th May 1802, prosecuted merchandise; he died in 1838. He married Susan, daughter of Charles Hill, Forfar, with issue a son, William, who died in infancy; also two daughters:—

Margaret.

Anne Stirling, married, 6th August 1863, Nicholson Cumming, second son of the Rev. John Cumming, D.D., F.R.S.E., minister of the Scots Church, Crown Court, London, and author of numerous theological works. Of the marriage were born two sons:—

Walter John Haldane.

William Nicholson.

(4) James Ogilvy Haldane, fourth son of the Rev. William Haldane and Anne Roberts, was born 31st August 1809. Having studied at the Universities of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, he was licensed to preach 3d October 1832. On the 20th October 1836, he was ordained minister of Kingoldrum, in succession to his father. Having attained his jubilee in the pastorate, he in November 1886 retired from active ministerial labour, and settled in Edinburgh. He married, 23d November 1871, Helen, daughter of John Gunn, Esq. of Risgill, Caithness, without issue.

(5) Thomas, born 23d June 1813, died in infancy.

(1) Anne, eldest daughter, born 7th November 1798, died in infancy.

(2) Jean, second daughter, baptised 19th January 1804,

married, 23d January 1823, the Rev. James Roger, minister of Dunino. (See Family of Roger.)

(3) Innes, third and youngest daughter, born 20th August 1806, died in 1827.

Anne Ogilvy, widow of the Rev. Charles Roberts, married, secondly, John Duff, of the family of Duff of Drummuir, Banffshire, with issue two sons, Robert and John; also three daughters. The sons held commissions in the Army, and both fell at the siege of Seringapatam. Barbara and Margaret, the second and third daughters, died unmarried. Innes, the eldest daughter, married, as his second wife, the Rev. John Skinner, Dean of Dunkeld, author of "Annals of Scottish Episcopacy," son of Bishop Skinner of Aberdeen, and grandson of the Rev. John Skinner of Linshart, Dean of Aberdeen, the celebrated author of "Tullochgorum" and other popular songs. Mrs. Innes Skinner died in April 1872, at the age of ninety-four.

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